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## The Sin of Ananias and Sapphira

Dr. H. A. Ironside

#### THE EDITOR'S NO by John R. Rice

be sent to Wheaton, Illinois.

Facing Three Busy Weeks

These notes are dictated Friday, August 8. At mid-afternoon two carloads of us leave for Fort Smith, Arkansas, for the great Sword conference on Revival and Soul Winning at the First Baptist Church. We will be assisted by Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. D. A. Mc-Call, Dr. E. J. Daniels, Evangelist Bill Rice, Layman Fred Hawkins, and musicians Ellis Zehr, Don Sandberg, Joanna and Jessie Rice. Dr. Harold J. Smith, great Christian leader and evangelist, is pastor in Fort Smith and our host.

Following that conference which closes on Friday, August 15, I will rush home for two days, then on to Minneapolis where I will be speaker for Minnesota Baptists at the Medicine Lake Conference, August 18-22. Dr. John R. Siemens, state secretary, will preside.

Then I will fly to Central Manor Camp Meeting, sponsored by the Churches of God, near Washington Boro and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This will be my third annual trip to this great camp meeting where crowds up to 1,800 attend. This is a busy schedule, and trust the dear Lord for grace through it.

#### Two More Sword Conferences on Revival

There are yet two conferences on revival and soul winning to be sponsored by the Sword of the Lord this year. The first will be held at Winfield, Kansas, Septem-ber 4 and 5, at the First Southern Baptist Church, Rev. Eldridge L. Miller, pastor. This is an association-wide meeting, and preachers will be coming from many parts of Kansas, in preparation for simultaneous revivals to be held by Southern Baptist Churches in the state. With me on the program will be Dr. D. A. McCall, and Evangelist Jack Stanton of Kan-

sas. A second conference on evangelism will be at the large Beth Eden Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, November 9 to 16. Evangelical Christians of all denominations will have part in this conference. Conservative Baptist Churches of a wide area will help

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By the late H. A. Ironside, D.D., Litt.D. Long pastor of Moody Memorial Church, Chicago

"But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch, And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them, And believers All mail for the editor should were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women). Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed every one."-Acts 5:1-16

> I want to look particularly at world has ever known. One of our a strenuous life and was very straight-forward and hated hypocrisy, was in the habit of consign-

this story of Ananias and Sapphi- ing political associates who made ra. We often hear these names untrue statements to the "Anamentioned; frequently people nias Club"; and so made many speak of them very glibly and people think of these two as outsuggest that perhaps they were standing liars. And yet, in what two of the greatest liars that the did the sin of Ananias and Sapphira really consist? And to what former Presidents, a man who led degree are we in danger of sinning similarly against God and ag His Holy Spirit?

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## It Is Finished

By M. R. DeHaan, M.D. Grand Rapids, Michigan

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> When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost-John 19:30.

"IT IS FINISHED." With these words the Lord Jesus ended His work and suffering on the cross of Calvary and laid down His life, only to take it up again after three days and nights in the tomb. "It is Finished." In the Latin translation there are two words, "Consummatum est," but in the original Greek, in which John recorded these words, there is only one word used by the Lord Jesus, TETELESTAI. Not three words, but one, "Finished." It was this cry of consumation, the cry of victory, and of completion. In this one word FINISHED the Saviour declared a fact, a truth so glorious and so wonderful that Satan has been busy ever since trying to hide the meaning of this one last cry from the minds of men and women. As a result, there are millions of earnest, sincere, seeking souls, longing for peace and rest, who have not yet realized that salvation is a finished and completed work, and that there is nothing left to do for a sinner in order to be saved. And so these dear souls work and slave and sacrifice, and perform religious duties and place themselves under the law, and struggle and worry and doubt and fret and try to save themselves, or to do things which they feel will merit for them the favor of God and possibly bring down His mercy because of their work and goodness and religious activity.

#### Only Two Religions

But all of that is just the deception of the enemy. For the Devil too has a plan of salvation which he tries to get men and women to accept. He will tell you, do your best, be honest, observe the golden rule and keep the commandments, go to church, be baptized and engage in works of charity and philanthropy, and then you will go to Heaven when you die. Now there is nothing wrong with all these acts in themselves but if you substitute them for the finished work of Christ and do them, not



Dr. M. R. DeHaan

because you have been saved by Grace, but do them in order to be saved, then you are believing the Gospel of Satan and not the Gospel of the Grace of God. There are only two religions in the world. The DO religion and the DONE religion. The first is a false religion, the second is salvation. Satan would tell the sinner; Surely, believe in Jesus and then if you live right and keep the law you will be saved. But God's Word says NO, works have no part at all in obtaining or earning salvation. It is all of grace.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8,9.

#### It Is Finished

We want to ask just two questions about this last cry of Christ on the cross. First, what was it he finished when he cried, "Tetelestai"? And then second, how do we know that the work was actually and permanently finished? First of all then: What did Christ finish on the cross? There are many many things we might mention but we shall confine ourselves to just a few of the most evident and important ones.

It meant, of course, that His (Continued on page 8)

## Sword Staff Members Lead the Way



Here we see Sword staff members fixing to let fall a shower of dollar bills as they have part in September "dollar month" for a new and adequate building for the work of the Sword of the Lord.

In the picture you see staff members as

Bob Adolph, Dave Aldridge, Rodney Andrewson, John H. Billings, Richard Bingham, Mrs. Harvey J. Carlson, Harold Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Draegert, Frank Dubberke, Christine Edgerton, Sara Edwards, Wayne Frank, Mrs. Myrna Genheimer, Bill Grant, Erin Grafton, Mrs. Walter E. Handford, Maxine Jeffries, Mrs. Esther Johnson, Thais Livingston, Mrs. Grace MacMullen, D. A. McCall, Mrs. Jeannette Mc-Crady, Betty Moffett, Margaret Moffett, Mary Mucher, Ralph Mucher, Lola Monro, Carolyn Powers, Margaret Rankin, Pearl Rathbun, Jessie Rice, Joanna Rice, Joy Rice, John R. Rice, Donald E. Sandberg, Mrs. Harold W. Sanderson, Bonnie Schlutow, Esther Shannon, Fairy Shappard, Lorna Speed, Anna Stanczyk, Roger Stemen, Roy Tunstall, Carol Voeck, Tommye Jean Wade, Viola Walden, Jo Williams,

Not in the picture but putting in their September dollar are: Anne Ammons, Fred Culpepper, Juanita Durham, Mrs. Margie McCall, Eva Niles, Mrs. John R. Rice, Walter E. Handford, J. Allen MacMullen, Mr. David Frost, Mrs. Fred Thurston, and Mrs. Neva Main.

## Noteworthy (NEWS) Notes

Congressmen Talk Concerning within Russia of Russian Bibles Spain's Intolerance

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P) A dozen Congressmen arranged a luncheon with the Rev. Paul Freed, evangelist of Greensboro, C., who has been carrying on what amounts to a personal campaign for religious liberty in Spain, in order to secure from him the facts concerning persecution and intolerance toward Protestants in Spain. Some of the legislators were shocked at the revelations Freed presented, and while they expressed fear of possible military or diplomatic involvement of any action they might take, they have agreed to the following action: several members of Congress with Freed, plan to call at the White House and the State Department to lay the problem of the lack of religious freedom in Spain before the President and Secretary of State at the earliest possible moment. The Congress of the United States is considering the giving of \$100 mil-Tion dollars in U. S. aid to Spain. Freed feels that the question of tolerance should enter into this picture. He declared, "If Spain will not fulfil her promises now, she will never do anything for minorities." He has personally minorities." He has personally talked with high cabinet members of the Franco government and was promised that religious liberties would be given religious minorities. The recent explosions of the Spanish Catholic Cardinal Segura against Franco's relaxation of Catholic dominance has made fulfilment of these promises almost impossible. Word of new restrictions and even worse percecution is now being heard. Yet, Freed feels that the Spanish government will "listen to reason" on the issue of intolerance.

#### Congressman Investigates **Bookstand Literature**

WASHINGTON (E/P) Time amagazine carries a recent report the investigation of lewd literature such as is found at drugstore bookstands being made by o. Ezekiel Candler Gathings Arkansas. Though declaring, Rep. "I'm not a crusader, goodness alive!" Gathings became concerned by the immoral and obscene books and magazines he found every-where. Under his pressure, a special House committee was appointed to "investigate immoral, obscene, or otherwise offensive matter in books and magazines." Gathings and his wife had plowed through stacks of the literature and had more than 100 exhibits ready for the committee. One sample carried the following des-"Although each cription: died mangled and beaten, she died also in a state of wild bliss -a weird and terrible ecstasy which the monster alone had the power to bestow."

planning a special "Join the Church Week," September 14-21. The plan is sponsored by the denomination's Promotion Conference. Efforts will be directed at members of the Southern Baptist Convention who do not belong to a local Baptist church in the community in which they live. It is estimated that one-fourth of the Convention's membership of 8 million fall in this category. A goal of 250,000 transfers of membership by letter has been set for this week. Sunday, September 7, has been designated as "Visitation Search Day." Its aim will be to discover who are the "non-resident Baptists" in each community. On three subsequent days-Sunday, September 15; Wednesday, September 17; and Sunday, September 21—emphasis will be placed on reception of members into the local church by letter.

#### No Bibles Distributed in Russia

been no distribution since 1947, 28-July 12.

according to information issued by the American Bible Society. The Society receives a steady demand, however, for Scriptures by Russian-speaking people now living in other lands. The Bible Sorecently made a grant of 1,000 Russian Bibles for distribution to Russian-speaking displaced persons in Paris and throughout France. Distribution of these books was made through the Paris office of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada,

#### YFC Plans Great Advance

WINONA LAKE, Ind. (E/P) Four thousand enthusiastic Youth for Christ International delegates and directors-a record highembarked on a dynamic five-year program at its 8th annual convention here June 29-July 13 designed, in the words of President Robert A. Cook of Chicago, "to keep America and the world from sliding down to hell."

The 15-day convention re-elected to an indefinite term as president, re-elected Billy Graham first vice president, named Tokyo, Japan, as the site of the 1953 World Congress and adopted a record smashing budget of \$760,-000. Cook's convention address on second Tuesday night broke the conference "wide open" and set the stage for a tremendous advance on all fronts. Included in the major decisions were the following: (1) Plans for a nationwide radio program, with possi-bility also of television. (2) Concentration on one country-Great Britain-in the 1952-53 world evangelization thrust. (3) Recruiting of 10,000 teenagers, each to win 100 people to Christ, for a goal of one million in the next 12 months. (4) Addition of another full-time man on Bible club work to care for the 1500 clubs now existing in 35 states, with 500,000 members. (5) Approval of ten more foreign teams to the 29 now on the field. (6) Addition of two new regions— Montana-Wyoming with Franklin Robbie of Great Falls, as vice president, -and Northeast with Charles Anderson as vice president. (7) Extension of the youth guidance program (institutions and camps for delinquents) to five states and approval of Gordon McLean of Seattle, Wash., as representative.

Graham spoke on the final Sunday afternoon to a throng of 16,-000 inside the Billy Sunday tabernacle and three adjacent buildings. Other thousands were turned away. Total attendance for the evening services in the 15 days past the 100,000 mark. went More than 500 young people professed Christ as Saviour and about 200 others made missionary pledges. A 500-seat tent was counseling room. Other speakers Hamblen, Jackie Robinson, Don Lonie, Torrey Johnson, Bob Pierce and Joe Weatherly, just home from India. A 500-voice choir directed by Don DeVos of Grand Rapids, Mich., headlined the musical program which also heard Cliff Barrows, Beverly Shea, Herman Voss, Bill Carle, Rose Arzoomanian, Frank Boggs, Wil-mos Csehy, the Chicagoland YFC band. Homer Rodeheaver, famed songleader, was honored by the convention on Monday, July 7, and presented with a silver tray for his help to Youth for Christ in its eight years of existence. Among admissions to the delegations were 81 high schoolers State Penitentiary showed 94.5% from Miami, Fla., some 60 from drinkers, and 47.5% under the Columbia, and Sumter, S.C., and influence of drink when arrested. scores from California. The prep Of the 200, 20.6% learned to highlight of the week was the drink in the home, 44.4% at parfinals in the national Bible quiz ties and dances, and 11.1% in the

The 1953 convention will be armed services.

contest.

Athletes Plan Prayer Groups (E/P) Nearly a hundred Baptist varsity athletes from more than thirty campuses in the South agreed at Ridgecrest, N. C., to start prayer groups in their dor-mitories next year. The athletes got together during a studentweek retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, of the Southern Baptist Convention.

#### Catholic Publicity Backfires

(E/P) The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization, had been carrying weekly ads in an eastern newspaper—a common practice now across the nation in keeping with recent Catholic drives for converts. Suddenly other articles and ads began to appear under such captions as: "Protestants Believe in the Book," or "Protestants and Purgatory," etc. The Men's Bible Class of the Faith Community Church in Roslyn, Penna., had decided to do something about the Catholic attacks on the Protestant doctrinal position. The Protestant public enthusiastically responded to this ministry, but apparently Catholic pressure was immediately put on the press because the editor fused to print any more of the Protestant material. Public reaction set in, and the men's class waited on the editor of the paper, with the result that he also rejected the Knights of Columbus propaganda. Christian laymen in other places could take the same procedure to counter this spurious Catholic information.

#### Questionnaire Shows Importance of Church

(E/P) America's white collar girls who keep the wheels of industry turning all week still find time on Sundays to attend the church of their choice for spiritual and moral guidance. In a questionaire mailed to its feminine employees in 150 offices from coast to coast, the Seaboard Finance Company asked the following questions: Do you go to church regularly? Do you attend church social functions? Their answers show a definite trend toward a moral and religious reawakening by women of all faiths. Of the girls polled, 58% attend church regularly once a week. However, only 33% of these girls attend church social functions. This would indicate that there is a wide field of social activity that it would be well for any church to undertake. In addition, the girls were asked if they had trouble meeting young people. Every girl who said she tended church regularly listed this as "no problem." Girls not attending church regularly listed meeting young people as a major problem and "going to church" as the second most popular solution to this problem.

Of greater significance is the that none of the married girls attending church regularly with their husbands have marital problems. This bears out the church's advertised slogan, that 'Families that pray together, stay together."

President Truman signed an appropriation bill two weeks ago giv ing the military services \$46,610, Join the Church Week Planned

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Sunday Sunday Sunday around the management of the next twelve months, which is tabernacle as an inquiry and the next twelve months, which is the next twelve months are not to the next twelve months. 25 times greater than the total the world, it was announced by Prayer Conferences, and also repduring the two-weeks included Merv Rosell, Percy Crawford, Howard Butt, Jim Vaus, Stuart than the world, it was announced by The Family Altar League, Chiall purposes in 1951. We are paying a thousand times as much been blessed of God from the very money for war purposes as we are first. giving for missions, and at our present rate of giving, the annual interest alone on our national debt is equal to all the contributions we will make as Ameri- ily altar in the morning and evecans to foreign missions for 100 ning services. Many churches have years.

5,609 workers three Sunday School Weeks at Ridgecrest. Plans were launched to increase Southern Baptist Sunday School enrollment by one million in 1954, using the slogan, 'A Million More in '54.'

A statistical survey of 200 new dmissions to the Washington

In Russia The 1953 convention will be The National Association for NEW YORK (E/P) There has held at Winona Lake from June Mental Health reports that about

present population) are suffering | www. from mental illness or personality disturbances. In addition there are about 1,500,000 mentally deficient people. There are about 650,000 patients in mental hospitals, which is almost half of all patients in all hospitals in the U.S. Each year about 250,000 are admitted to mental hospitals plus 100,000 re-admissions. The Federal Government spent approximately 54.8 million dollars chargeable to mental disorders in 1951.

#### MacArthur Thanks God for Remington-Rand Position

New York, July 31—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, former Pacific commander, today began a new career as chairman of Remington Rand, Inc., 227 million dollar a year industrial corporation.

MacArthur's acceptance of the chairmanship was announced by James H. Rand, company president, who said the post had been offered him twice before.

Rand said the job offer was first discussed in October, 1949, "but at that time Gen. MacArthur felt his duties in the far east were of such importance to the nation that he could not accept despite his strong personal desire to do so.'

The offer was repeated when the general returned to the United States from his far east command some 15 months ago, Rand said, "but at that time he was gravely concerned over the dangerously chaotic conditions the country faced nationally and internation-

#### His Obligation Fulfilled

MacArthur, Rand continued, felt a sense of obligation to do all that he could to arouse the people to the peril. This he attempted in a series of great addresses thruout the country designed to point out the course of action he believed needed to revitalize the nation. This program was completed with his appearances last month in the state of Michigan, and his keynote address before the Republican national convention. He now feels that the obligation assumed upon his return has been fulfilled to the best of his ability."

MacArthur told the gathering "It is peculiarly agreeable that on this late day of my life, I can pass from a profession of destruction to another of constructionto build rather than destroy. I think it is a gift of God that permits an old soldier to end that

(From the Chicago Daily Trib-une, July 31, 1952.)

#### -Dr. Free Announces 1953 **Bible Lands Cruise**

Dr. Joseph P. Free, professor of archaeology at Wheaton Col-lege, has announced plans for the Sixth Annual Wheaton College Bible Lands Cruise scheduled to leave New York next February. Dr. Free spent extra time in the holy land. After this year's trip he will take part in the work being done in archaeology in Palestine. For information, write him at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illi-

#### Family Altar Sunday to Be Observed October 12

The usual procedure is for the church to set aside the whole day for Family Altar emphasis. The pastor preaches on the fam-

## Sword Literature at Christ's Birthplace

By the Editor

We have a heartfelt letter from Rev. I. H. Jamel, P. O. Box 24, Bethlehem, Kingdom of the Jordan, which pleases us very much. Our agent and fellow-worker, Dr. R. H. Borkent, in Holland, has been sending out much of our literature, which we supply free, to Christian workers in places where the literature cannot be bought, and cannot be ordered because of government regulations on sending money out of the country. Dr. Borkent sent books to special lists of evangelists in Spain and Portugal, and sent some of our books to Rev. I. H. Jamel, refugee preacher in Bethlehem. Here in Bethlehem, where the Lord Jesus Christ was born, this missionary is blessed by Sword books. His letter follows.

"Dear Brother in the Lord:

"Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of eight books by Evangelist John R. Rice. Really I cannot thank you enough for your good thought of me in the hour of our distress. We do not see such good books here and we are shut up from the outside world. I am a refugee and serving my Lord in the town where He was born: lost all my belongings and my nice library containing 950 volumes of valuable books. But, thank God, I have not lost my Saviour who is ever dear and near to me. God is wonderfully blessing the work and souls are saved. The books you send will certainly help me in my ministry, for the Lord.

"May the Lord bless you in your Christian work and may He supply all your needs according to His riches in glory.

"Yours in His Service," (Signed) I. H. Jamel

a service in the afternoon.

A free assortment of sample tracts, helpful for Family Altar Sunday will be sent upon request. Address all correspondence to: The Family Altar League, 52 West Washington Street, Chicago, 2,

#### Worldwide Missionary Survey of Slavic Work

Peter Deyneka, General Director of the Slavic Gospel Association, Inc., is visiting Slavic and other Missions around the world. He left Chicago on May 8 on his globe-encircling missionary trip, stopped at Honolulu and spent some time in Australia. Other points of contact were Manila, P. I., Hong Kong, India, the Holy Land, Yugoslavia, Germany, resents Youth for Christ, International.

#### Bible College Leader Dies

COLUMBIA, So. Car. (E/P) Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, President of Columbia Bible College and director of the Ben Lippen Bible Con-

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## EVOLUTION

By Wm. H. PETTIT, M.B., Ch.B.

This pamphlet\* is an appeal to reason and common sense. It is not written specially for scientific experts and hence technical terms have been as far as possible avoided. The student or scientist who desires a more detailed and technical treatment of these problems is referred to larger treatises, of which there are a considerable number.

Our purpose is to reach intelligent and thoughtful men and women. We propose to examine the theory of evolution in the light of scientific facts. We ask for an open mind, a careful consideration of the evidence on both sides, and an honest verdict.

Le Conte defines Evolution as "(1) continuous progressive change; (2) according to certain laws; (3) by means of resident forces." The evolutionist assumes that hundreds of millions of years ago one or more tiny, one-celled, living organisms appeared on the earth. Bacteria and amoebae are regarded as examples of these earliest life-forms, which are supposed to have possessed such marvellous powers of development that after long ages they gave rise to all the varied forms of plant and animal life we find around us in the world today.

Atheistic evolutionists see in the wonders of Nature no evidence of Divine Creator. They believe that the first living cells evolved from sand or mud or slime. They look upon the glories and beauties of Nature and ask us to believe that dead matter gave birth to them all.

Theistic Evolution teaches that Evolution is God's method of Creation. Theistic evolutionists believe that God created in the beginning simple forms of plant and animal life, such as bacteria and amoebae, and endowed them with the capacity to develop into men.

Some, however, do not possess sufficient credulity to enable them to believe that all the mental, moral and spiritual attributes of man are inherent in an amoeba or a typhoid fever germ. These admit that man is a special creation, but regard all other plants animals as the product of Evolution.

We have, then, three main groups of evolutionists, each holding tenaciously a theory which, true, proves the other two to be false.

Professor G. M. Price has well said:

I am perfectly confident that any competent person who will take the time to traverse the evidence now available on this side will reach the same conclusion that I have reached,namely, that the theory of Organic Evolution was a very plausible theory for the times of comparative ignorance of the real facts of heredity and variation, and of the facts of geology which prevailed during the latter part of the nineteenth century; but that this theory is now entirely out of date, and hopelessly inadequate for us, in view of the facts of geology and of experimental breeding as we now know them.

The words of Sir J. W. Dawson, the great geologist, concerning the widespread acceptance of this unsupported hypothesis are as true today as when they were first written:

It is one of the strangest phenomena of humanity; it is utterly destitute of proof.

Now let us examine these "proofs" of this "known fact" of evolution which "has been so indubitably established by scientific

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investigation that it should require no defence."

1. The first "proof" offered is the existence of many different animals which can be arranged in order of increasing complexity: amoebae, jelly-fish, fishes, amphibia, reptiles, birds, mammals and man. Now let us for the sake of clearness concentrate our attention on one section of the series, the step from reptiles to birds. There are two possible explanations of the appearance of the first birds. One is that they are a special creation brought into being by a God of infinite wisdom and power. This is the teaching of Genesis. The only alternative is the evolutionary hypothesis that birds evolved from reptiles. If the Genesis record is true, we shall find in Nature numbers of reptiles multiplying "after their kind" and numbers of birds multiplying "after their kind," we shall find no transitional forms between the two groups. This is exactly the position as Biology reveals it. And the study of fossils confirms the fact that such has always been the case since the first appearance of reptiles and birds. If evolution were true, we should of necessity have millions of intermediate part reptile and part bird. The fossils in the rocks would likewise contain ample evidence of these transitional stages. But, as a matter of fact, not one such intermediate form can be produced.

The same inexorable logic of facts can be applied to every step of the supposed evolution from amoeba to man. The indispensable transitional forms are entirely

lacking.
The "proof" of the theory of evolution based upon the classification of animals is weighed in the balances of Palaeontology (the science of fossils), and found want-

2. The second "proof" offered is the evidence of embryology. At a certain stage in the development of the human embryo several linear arches appear in the region of the neck. The evolutionists used to claim that these arches, resembling in appearance the developing gills of a fish, afforded proof that evolved from the fish! Unfortunately for the evolutionist, further study has proved that in man these arches develop into the upper and lower jaws, the neck, the tongue and the larynx. They take no part in forming the true breathing apparatus, and hence differ entirely from the branchial arches of the fish. As Prof. G. M. Price says:

Any fancied resemblance between these structures and the sils gill-slits of elasmobranch fishes is merely the product of a highly inventive imagination.

Even so ardent a Darwinian as Sir Arthur Keith is compelled to admit the breakdown of this line of "proof." He says in The Human Body, p. 95:-

Now that the appearances of the embryo at all stages are known, the general feeling is one of disappointment; the human embryo at no stage is anthropoid in its appearance.

We may well ask how any hon-

est scientist can continue to speak

of this line of evidence as "proof" that man has ascended from the lowest forms of life via, the anthropoid apes.

The human embryo, in the earliest stages of its development, may to our imperfect methods of observation look somewhat like the embryo of a fish, a bird, or an ape. But it never develops into any of these lower forms of life. The resemblance is only superficial. There is really just as great a gulf between the different embryos as there is between the various adult forms into which they develop.

3. The third "proof" offered is atavism, which means the reappearance in an individual of a character belonging to remote ancestors. It is an interesting phenomenon to the student of heredity, but provides no evidence of evolution. If we had really descended from ape-like creatures, we might expect to find some of the characteristics of these ancestors appearing now and then among human beings. But, as a matter of fact, no such evidence is forthcoming. This "proof" reminds us that within the last few years a scientist solemnly suggested that the present jazz craze was an evolutionary development of rhythmic movements of the jellyfish

4. The fourth "proof" presented is the presence of vestigial organs or structures. The wing-bone of the kiwi may be taken as an illustration. This is regarded as evidence that the kiwi is a descendant of a winged bird. Perhaps it is. But this is no proof that the kiwi evolved from a tuatara lizard or will some day grow into a squirrel! Evolutionists claim that the vermiform appendix of man is a vestige of the elongated caecum of herbivorous animals, and hence it is suggested that we have descended from herbivora, such as the sheep! Judging by the sheep-like manner in which one evolutionist follows another in quoting such fan-tastic "proofs" of his theory one might be pardoned for entertaining the suggestion! Then, again, we are told that the human coccyx, the lowest section of the backbone, is a vestigial tail, which indicates man's descent from the ape. But the coccyx, far from being a useless vestige, serves as the attachment of the important muscles of the floor of the pelvis. The absurd suggestion that it is a vestigial tail shows how hard pushed the evolutionist must be for "proofs" of his theory. It would be just as reasonable to suggest that the human nose was a vestigial trunk and that this was a clear proof that we were once elephants!

There was a time when the thyroid and other ductless glands were thus classed as useless relics of the past. Now we know they are essential to life and health. It is dangerous to assume that organs are useless simply because of our present lack of knowledge of their functions, and it is unscientific to claim that evolution is the explanation of facts which we cannot understand. Sir Ar-Keith well says: "As our knowledge of the body has increased, the list of useless organs has decreased" (The Human Body, p. 236); and E. S. Goodrich declares: "He would be a rash man indeed who would now assert that any part of the human body is useless" (Evolution p. 68).

5. The fifth "proof" of evolution is the geological evidence. It was pointed out in connection with the first "proof" of evolution that it was easy to arrange animals in order of increasing complexity, but quite impossible to find any proof that one group had evolved from another. Just in the same way it is easy to arrange the fosfound in the layers of the earth's crust in a regular succession, beginning with the simplest and ending with the most com-plex. But it is impossible to prove that any group of fossils has descended from any other group. This clearly shown by the writings of Professor G. M. Price and Lt.-Col. Davies, M.A., F.G.S., F.R.S.E. F.R.A.I. The latter declares:

It would puzzle any geologist to produce the least shred of evidence for evolution which could stand the test of rigid examination by a capable critic. . . I would guarantee to get

#### **Noteworthy News Notes**

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ferences, was called to his heavenly home July 15. McQuilkin, able and beloved leader of Fundamentalism in the south, had been ailing in health for some time. Announcement from Columbia states that the Ben Lippen conferences be held as scheduled under the leadership of Dr. G. Allen Fleece. The Bible College work will also be carried on as previously scheduled. Later announcement will be made as to future plans and leadership.

#### Southern States Lead

(E/P) Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi remain the area of greatest concentrated interest in the Bible, the American Bible Society has reported. Total distribution in the country rose to 8,002, 004 volumes during 1951, an alltime record in the 136-year history of the society. The first quarter of 1952 showed gains over last year, it was reported. The society's Southern district topped the million mark in the number of volumes distributed last year and became the first district office to do so. The Pacific district also showed substantial gains, with a rise of 41 per cent over 1950. The society reported that reading of the Bible was increasing. Women were said to be the most avid readers, with children second, and men a poor third.

#### Turning to Christ in Mexico

(E/P) Dr. Walter Montano of Christ's Mission has been evangelizing in Mexico. At Torreon, a city of 66,000, hundreds were converted. In Monterrey, even the largest church buildings proved too small for the spiritually starved people. Some of the leading citizens and foremost government officials attended the services, and a former governor of the state knelt in true evangelical fashion and consecrated his life to Christ. In personal interviews many prominent people confessed the disappointing inadequacy of Roman Catholic religion.

In Mexico City, also, Dr. Montano was able to talk with prominent civil servants and businessmen who had one line of questioning, "Is there something better than the Roman Catholic religion, and how to get it." Night after night rich and poor met in these meetings. "The heroic faith of Pastor Ruesga, whose sufferings, persecutions, and imprisonment because of his uncompromising testimony have only contributed to make him a spiritual giant, and the inspiring leadership of the Rev. Jose Velasco, are tangible evidence that Protestant Christianity in Mexico is more alive than ever before."

#### YFC Asks Ban On Shorts in Public

(E/P). The Atlanta (Georgia) Youth for Christ has urged a ban

up on a platform with any number of evolutionists as opponents, and riddle their supposed "scientific" case throughout, by putting one fundamental question after another which they would be powerless to answer satisfactorily; although failure to answer any one of those questions would be fatal to all idea of "demonstrating" the truth of Descent (The Bible and Modern Science, p. 11). He further states:

#### No Proof in Fossils

Science is powerless to establish descent apart from history. It is an important fact, therefore . . . that fossil series, as such, can never prove anything for evolution. No fossil series, however perfect, can ever prove descent. I have now studied the subject for many years, and I know that there is not a single fossil series which I could not at once pull to pieces as a 'proof" of descent.

As a result of this inherent weakness of all fossil series, the best palaeontologists (even when convinced evolutionists) are generally the most cautious of all people in accepting such

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on public wearing of shorts and slacks by women. Members of the group wrote the City Council that the ban is necessary "before a sex crime wave starts." A petition signed by 47 members stated: "Let us hasten back to a moral manner of dress lest our nation fall as others who have forgotten God." Also men who wear shorts were

#### Regular Baptists Plan **Evangelistic Drive**

(E/P) Plans' for an evangelistic campaign in 1953 to counter "disturbing conditions in both the world and in ecclesiastical realms" were made in Des Moines, Ia. at the twenty-first annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. The program is based on a four-point plan to start "a mighty spiritual a-wakening" among churches of the association. Included in the plan is a nation-wide Baptist Volunteer Crusade in which young people will be asked to devote a year exclusively to church work. Principal phase of the campaign pro-vides for simultaneous two-week evangelistic campaigns and "every-member" visitations. Number of churches in the association total

#### Bryan University Launches Campaign to Raise \$150,000

The Board of Trustees of Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee, recently had to stop the construction of their new building in order to raise \$150,000 to complete it. Bryan was started in 1930 by a group of Dayton citizens. The enrollment has grown from thirtyeven in 1930 to 254 during the 1951-52 year, and a possibility of an increased enrollment this fall.

#### Faith Seminary Gets New Home

Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the board of directors of Faith Theological Seminary, has announced that Lynnewood Hall, the Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, estate of the late Joseph E. Widener has been purchased for \$250,000 by the Seminary. Seminary officials said occupancy would take place in September. Meanwhile, \$50,000 will be spent on renovations, with much of the work to be done by students under the direction of Dr. R. Laird Harris, a member of the seminary faculty.

Lynnewood Hall, built in 1907 at a cost of \$8,000,000, could not be replaced today for \$24,000,000, it is said. It has 90 rooms, a ballroom and 19 baths. In later years, its stables, which included 40 rooms, were made into a residence. Already 183 students have been enrolled for the fall term at Faith.



Dr. Carl McIntire

#### Southern Baptist President Goes Abroad

Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist convention, spent the month of August on a speaking tour of several foreign countries. He visited Denmark for a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee, and then went on to Germany to visit and speak in churches. The convention president spent a week in Africa at the Baptist Seminary, and then flew to Brazil to participate in the program of Baptist

# DOVING CONTROL CONTROL

PREACHING— POWER— PROMOTION "... the word of the Lord... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts,"—Zech. 4:6

By D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

After being in engagements in West Virginia, Florida, Maryland, Illinois, Georgia, Tennessee, Ar- \$1 a day for October's thirty-one kansas, and, Mississippi this year, days equals \$31. November, 1952— I am at Winfield, Kansas, September 4-5; Cody, Wyoming, a-round September 21; Mississippi in October, and Denver, Colorado, the week of November 9th to 16th, with the Sword Conference at Beth Eden Baptist Church, With only the desire to render the largest help to pastors and churches in coordinating dates, if we may help others while in those areas we will sing an additional doxology.

The Sword of the Lord building is crowded beyond description. Some needed work may not be carried on at all within the build-

Definite plans are now working, looking toward a new and adequate building. Developments include location, architectural plans, and adequate finances.

Plans for raising the money include-September, 1952-one dollar from every reader of this paper. October, 1952-(1) Farm and Home offering—sell eggs, or chickens, or a boy on the paper route may make and contribute money. men may do extra jobs, women

which you get money for this purpose. (2) Many will want to give \$1 a day for October's thirty-one Thanksgiving offering for some blessing from the Lord. December, 1952-a great Christmas gift love offering for the work of Him we love—a building for the work He loved i.e. revival, evangelism, souls saved.

My first meeting as a staff member with the Sword of the Lord was the Lake Louise Conference on revival. I never attended a better one. The speakers thrilled me. The attendance was large. The fellowship was excellent.

I then went to the Revival Conference on the Bill Rice Ranch. A brief but intense sick spell robbed me of most of that treat. It was good, however. I had the privilege of preaching at Shelbyville, Murfreesboro, and on the Ranch.

Then, I went (late due to illness) to Richmond, Virginia, for a revival in Clopton Street Baptist Church with Pastor C. A. Morgan. The Lord blessed. The outstanding service was the last, when, with the tent packed, some people in cars, and others beyond the borders of the tent, all but may bake or sew and give. Let fifteen persons responded in a know of some unique ways in great invitation scene. Doxology!

## Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS By the Editor

#### Baptist Paper Lists Graham Results

JACKSON, Miss. (E/P) The Baptist Record, state organ for Mississippi Southern Baptists saw to it that no question would remain concerning the results of the Billy Graham meetings -recently ended in Jackson. In a full column article, editor A. L. Goodrich told of the splendid results of the meetings and listed church by church the exact number of converts who took up church mem-bership on "Join-the-Church-Sunday," July 13. Total accessions by fourteen listed Southern Baptist churches totalled 489. Figures did not include the number who had united with churches on previous Sundays during the campaign, nor did they include those who came in on rededication or life surrender-just the new converts who the first time joined the church. Also not listed were other churches in Jackson outside the Southern Baptist organization. There should be no question as to results of the Graham meetings in Jackson, thanks to Editor Good-

From Lexington, Virginia comes word of blessing in revival meetings with EVANGELIST TED FIX and his assistants, Roy Thomas and Wes Aarum. The report from the pastor of the Kerrs Creek Baptist Church comes during the third week of the campaign, which will possibly run for another week. A local newspaper says that in two weeks' time, 70 persons were converted. In the children's meetings, 28 have been

EVANGELIST K. L. SUTTER tells of the revival he and his son, Bill, have completed in St. Clair, Missouri. Many people reconsecrated and dedicated their lives during the tent campaign. Brother Sutter moved from St. Clair to Adrian for a tent meeting there with the First Baptist Church.

Pastor Thomas Walker, Highland Park Church, South Bend, Indiana sends a report of an eleven day, glorious revival with Sword Staff **EVANGELIST OS-**CAR WELLS. In his report, the pastor tells of several marvelous conversions, among young and old. People from the church visited in the homes, and saw people saved. There were 26 conversions and 21 rededications. ". . . Brother Wells' messages are Bible-centered and powerful and we heartily recommend him to any church. . ."

#### Over 29,000 Decisions Recorded In Clift Brannon Revivals

There have been 29,234 decisions for Christ in Evangelist Clift Brannon's revivals during the past three years, according to a released statement by Jim C. Sluss, associate to the evangelist. There have been 4,722 additions to Southern Baptist Churches as a result of the 122 revivals conducted by the noted Southern Baptist evangelist, Sluss said. The records indicate that 6,427 persons have made a profession of faith in Christ, with an additional 199 young men and women surrendering to full-time Christian service. A total of 21,356 have rededicated their lives to Christ during the Brannon revivals.

Evangelist Brannon, whose home is in Longview, Texas, was formerly Secretary and General Counsel for the R. G. Le Tourneau Corporation. He has served as President of the Texas Baptist Brotherhood, and was listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. While an attorney, he appeared before the United States Supreme Court on five different occasions

before he was 36 years of age. On July 15, 1949 the BAPTIST STANDARD carried the announcement that Clift Brannon had given up his law practice in of full-time evangelism.

Since entering the evangelistic field he has conducted revivals in 14 states of the Southern Baptist Convention and has spoken to more than 500,000 people.

In the most recent of the Brannon revivals, a two weeks meeting at the Bellmead First Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, there were more than 400 decision cards signed, with crowds nightly filling the 1,200 seat tent used in connection with his church revivals. The Evangelist has \$35,000.00 worth of equipment including the great tent, all of which is used in revivals sponsored by Southern Baptist Churches.

Word has come from DR. JOE HENRY HANKINS, of Little Rock, Arkansas, of a recent two weeks' tent campaign in Flint, Michigan. There were souls saved at every service, and crowds overflowed the tent almost every night. Over 400 decisions for Christ were made. They started the campaign with a thousand chairs under the tent and added four hundred more, and still people had to stand or sit on the grass outside the tent.

EVANGELIST JOSEPH BROOKSHIRE and party have been busy during the past few months. They conducted services in Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania, under the sponsorship of the Ministerial Alliance and fourteen churches. The party also conducted services in Stevens Memorial Methodist Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a church with over twenty-three hundred members On the middle Sunday morning over one hundred and fifty people responded to the evangelist's call The party recently conducted a union revival in Lincoln, Kansas, which ran for three weeks.

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## AN EVANGELIST

Evangelist R. Paul Miller, of Box 28, Berne, Indiana, is a blessed man of God, well-trained and greatly-used. With him, the "Happy Clarks" are singing in revival meetings. Brother Miller has had great blessing and has stood up in his denomination as well as outside for revivals and soul win-

His letter, which was a great comfort to the editor, follows: 'My dear Brother Rice:

"My copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD have just caught up with me here. I have just read the June 27 issue. Your article. on. 'One Man, God, and Revival,' is a masterpiece. The Spirit of God surely directed you when you wrote it. It is the most accurate setting-forth of conditions prevailing in denominational circles today relative to evangelism.

"The ecclesiastical straitjacket is surely strangling true evangelism. The sad facts are that it is spreading over fundamental churches that make great boast of their theology. Where evangelism is encouraged from the top, it is the kind that ignores real separation in life from the world. The evangelist who loves his denomination and tries to bring about a true program of evangelism that calls a spade a spade, and does not hesitate to slay the prophets of Baal in the church, immediately is tagged as 'the enemy of Israel,' and the security-loving Obadiahs close the doors of their churches to him for fear of having ecclesiastical favors taken from them. These Obadiahs are good theologians, they tell you person-ally that they are with you, but they love the praises of men rather than God. Cowardice is despicable in a preacher who has to meet the Lord, who has nail scars in His hands. The evangelist, who observes that his brotherhood is swiftly ceasing to preach Christ and is now preaching 'the church,' and tries to stem the tide, must have the spirit of the prophet and pay a tremendous price. Little wonder that more and more good men give up the effort as impossible and go out into union work.

"Yours is the voice of experience. God make your arm strong.

"God has been greatly blessing our campaigns and hundreds have been making decisions. He alone is worthy of praise!

"In His great faithfulness," (Signed) R. Paul Miller West Point, New York.

To the jailer, shaken and trembling, before Paul and Silas, what wonderful news must have been the words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house!" We don't know how big a family he had, or what their circumstances were. We only know that the Scriptures joyfully record that he and his family trusted Christ and were baptised that very night.

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#### 2,483 Professed Conversions in Formosa Through Sword Literature

Missionary C. R. Hillis who works with us in the great Island of Formosa in the printing and distribution of our booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Chinese language, writes the following letter with glorious reports of 2,483 who say they found Christ through 44,000 booklets distributed. Brother Hillis thinks that if the results from the rest of the printing follow the same proportion, that some 5,000 souls will have found the Lord through our distribution of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Formosa. Here is his letter:

"P.O. Box 555 "July 31, 1952.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

Trust that you received my letter of June 9, telling of the printing of the tract, 'What Must Do to Be Saved?' I mentioned and asked that you inform us as to

"This letter is to give you a report as to the distribution of the tract and also something of the way it is being used.

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"Taipeh, Formosa ing records. I have just checked at our Follow-up Office and find that 2,483 have written in and said that they found the Lord through the tract. That is terrific-I have never seen such results from the reading of a tract. If that is the that the total cost was \$743 and that we had a balance of \$117, tracts over 5,000 souls will have found the Lord. Brother, that can't be duplicated, can it? Anyway, we rejoice that He is pleased to use the tract to His glory and the salvation of precious souls.

"By the time this letter reaches you, we will be out of tracts. We would like to print another 100,000 in Hongkong this time so we could get a better grade of paper for the same price or maybe cheaper. Brother Rice, 10,500 you help us in this? I would ap-"3. Different O.M.S. churches preciate hearing from you. Our executive secretary, Ells Culver, is in America now, and I trust that before his return he will be able to come and see you.
"Yours in His Harvest,"

(Signed). C. R. Hillis.

We will write Brother Hillis and say that \$117 may be used on a second printing of the booklet and that we hope to be able to furnish more money soon. However, we must depend on the gifts of "I would like to call your attention to the 44,000 that we distributed. They are the only ones Free Literature Fund, and address I can give you a record of as the your letters to Sword of the Lord other missions have not been keep-Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.

## Challenge From A Pastor

"I will gladly be one of 25,000 to give \$10.00 . . . and give \$10.00 a month until the plan" of the great Sword expansion "is a reality."—

Rev. Millard B. Box. Pastor London Baptist Church, New London, Texas

By the Editor

We have started a savings fund | Sword of the Lord offices; in the we need it badly.

I have been greatly heartened from Pastor Millard B. Box, of London Baptist Church, New Lonelected President of the Texas Pre-millennial Fellowship. He has widely boosted the Sword of the Lord and Sword books. He will be at the Fort Smith Conference on Revival and Soul Winning with many other East Texas pastors and people.

In one paragraph, Brother Box gives a tremendous challenge as

"Another thing that I am deeply

for the Sword of the Lord Build- building a complete printing deing. We think that the building partment with new, up-to-date may take \$250,000 or more, and printing equipment which would print the paper and other literature; a nice studio, or rather, stuand encouraged by a good letter dios, from which the Sword of the Lord could broadcast, nation-wide, good programs on soul winning don, Texas. This brilliant and and revival. I would also like to Spirit-filled young pastor has been see a yearly program of conferences in different sections of the United States and other countries. If this is day-dreaming, then I am But, this type program would be the FIRST, and I will gladly be one of 25,000 to give \$10.00 to that effort. Not only that, I will be happy to sacrifice and give \$10.00 a month until the plan is a reality. I am extremely interested in this matter and Brother James Woods, my Educainterested in is the expansion of tional Director, and I, shall make the Sword of the Lord. I am bur- it a matter of daily, intercessory dened, and have been since the prayer. If this can be done, and one other people agreed to send June 20 issue, about this work of THE SWORD OF THE LORD increased in subscriptions, at least one hun-

to help you 'launch out into the deep' by prayer, donations, 'talking' the matter to others and pushing the matter in every way I possibly can. If you have suggestions of any kind that will assist me in assisting you, please let me know.

Brother Box, we have begun the savings account for a building fund. I believe that we ought to have thousands of people setting aside some amount monthly for this Sword building. God will help us, surely, to make the enlarge ment dream possible.

#### We Want 1,000 People Who Will Send 100 Subscriptions Each By July 1, 1953

In the Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, one of the high and thrilling features was the great interest which many Christian workers have felt in the circulation of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Fiftythree people promised us and the Lord that they would set out to buy or secure from others subscriptions for at least one hundred people to THE SWORD OF THE LORD within the next year, that is, by July 1, 1953. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., promised that Bob Jones University would send at least 1,000 subscriptions. I promised that I would send at least 1,000 subscriptions from my revival campaigns. Fiftyyours. I would like to see the following happen: A beautiful and commodious building housing the

Rice, I shall do all in my power through their radio broadcasts. Some were pastors of churches, some were Bible teachers. Others were laymen. Some were laywomen.

> Many a good Christian could spend \$8 a month, or \$100 a year in sending The Sword of the Lord to others. Some could give that much out of their tithes and offerings. Others could raise that many subscriptions by mentioning THE SWORD OF THE LORD in prayermeetings, Bible classes, men's brotherhoods, or church services, and by giving out samples of THE SWORD.

> We will be glad to cooperate with you. You may have any one of three plans if you will promise God and us to try to send one hundred subscriptions by July 1,

1. You may send subscriptions on our Library Plan. That means that for every \$2 yearly subscription (in the United States)-you may have \$1 worth of books from our catalog, books of your own choice. For example, if you sent ten subscriptions at \$2 per year, you would get free \$10 worth of A Sunday School class might try this or the pastor could appoint a committee, and the books could become a Sunday School or church library, or the deacons might want to buy some good books for the pastor. They that the pastor could select the at Old Mississippi back many books and have them to build up years ago. his library and help make him a may use the plan, if he likes, just workers. so he sends not less than ten subscriptions at a time. You may send subscriptions at \$2 per year, or three years for \$5, Canadian and foreign subscriptions \$2.50 per year, on our Library Plan.

2. Or, you may prefer to give a special offer. If you will set out to get one hundred subscriptions, you may offer THE SWORD OF THE LORD sixteen months for \$2 or eight months for \$1, and we will provide subscription envelopes for you. You may have the money put in these envelopes with names and addresses put on the outside, and then send us the names and

3. Or, if you wish to become a regular agent of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, we will give you a commission on subscriptions. You may be our representative. In that case, you would need to write us

and give us references, etc. We will be glad to send sample copies to any pastor or reputable lay worker who will give the samples out and try to secure subscriptions.

In one week's conference fiftythree people agreed to send at least one hundred subscriptions. I believe that there ought to be at least one thousand people who would set out now to get subscriptions for The Sword of the Lord, and who would attempt to sell or give away at least one hundred subscriptions by July 1, 1953. Will you be one of that number?

If you want sample copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Write and say expressly how many sample copies you can use, without wasting any. You must assume respon-

#### Rejoice at Dr. McCall's Coming

By the Editor

Many fine friends of the Sword rejoice that Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall has come to be Minister of Revival Promotion, and to help us stir revival fires and to pro-mote all the soul-winning work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. Here are a couple of sample let-

"First Baptist Church "Columbia, Mississippi 'Dear Dr. Rice:

"Congratulations on the acceptance of Dr. D. A. McCall on the staff of the Sword of the Lord workers. As far as I am concerned, there is not a man from the Southern Baptist Convention that is of the caliber of Dr. McCall. His ability and consecration should make him one of the greatest assets of your evangelistic effort.

"Yours in His Service," (Signed) Rev. A. L. Gatewood

'Dear Brother Editor:

"It pleases me and thrills me that you are being led to put Dr. McCall on your staff of workers. could get subscriptions of church I am a Mississippian, too. I was members, and it would be agreed with him a few months in school

"May the Lord greatly enlarge good preacher. Or an individual the mission of all on your staff of

> "Fraternally,"
> (Signed) F. W. Varner Yancy Mills, Missouri We thank God for the coming of Dr. McCall. It is a great comfort to our hearts, it is the answer of two years' of prayer. And we have asked all friends of the Sword of the Lord to join in earnest prayer that God will bless

sibility for them. We will send samples free. Tell us frankly what plan, of the three mentioned above, you would like to use. If you want envelopes especially offering THE SWORD OF THE LORD eight months for \$1, sixteen months for \$2, say exactly how many envelopes you want and will try to get filled out with subscriptions.

his ministry wonderfully with us.

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Please write to me if you will help us. Will you help us undertake to get at least one hundred subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, on some plan, by July 1, next year? Then say so! Write Editor John R. Rice, Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

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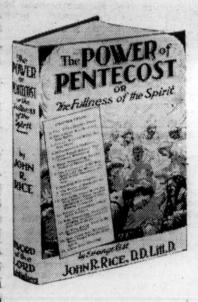
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(SYNOPSIS: Last week Jerry Thomas, 12, visited Pete Laughton, a new boy in town, and invited him to Scout meeting. Pete came, but didn't take much notice of Jerry or his best friend, Hurry Watson. However, he is interested in photography (Jerry's hobby) and both of them are aiming at entering a contest sponsored by the city newspaper. Jerry turns up with a pretty good print, and Pete tries a new technique with interesting results. Mr. Spann, the Scoutmaster, merely says, "May the best man win!")

#### CHAPTER VI

Jerry and Hurry had been looking forward to Memorial Day at the County Fair ever since last year. My, what a time they had had! They had visited every exhibit, carried home a stack of literature three inches high, gotten sick on popcorn, cotton candy, and pop-and had a wonderful time. This year they expected to have even more fun, because they had prepared for it. Hurry's paper route and Jerry's lawn mowing were with a purpose—to get spending money for the County

In one of their many discussions of Memorial Day, Jerry thought of Pete Laughton.

Jerry was quiet for a moment, and Hurry looked at him. "What's eatin' you, Jerry?"

"I was just thinking about Pete, Hurry. So you s'pose we should ask him to go to the fair with us? He might not have anybody to go with."

'Aw, I wouldn't worry about "Aw, I wouldn't worry about eating puffed wheat. Mom was Pete, Jerry. He probably wouldn't buttering the toast as it popped even want to go with us, being older and all."

Jerry looked thoughtful. "Maybe not....but still, Mr. Spann did County Fair. What time do you ask me to sort of look out for want to leave, Lucy?" him. It wouldn't hurt to ask him

Pete hasn't been very friendly." "Yeah, you're right. I guess we'd better just forget it. Say, Hurry, what about riding our bikes out?"

"Might be fun. How far is it to the Fair Grounds?" Hurry was intent on a fly buzzing round his

"Oh, four or five miles, I guess, not too far. We've ridden that far lots of times," Jerry said.

"I'd just as soon. It's a good day for bike riding." With a sudden movement Hurry caught the fly in his hand, "There! I've got you now!"

"Yeah....I don't know if we'll feel that way tonight, though."
"Say, that's an idea. We're going to be mighty tired to ride home. Guess we'd better go with

our folks, Jerry." Finally, the day came—it was Memorial Day and the biggest day yet at the Fair, a real red-letter

Jerry sat at the kitchen table, out of the toaster. Dad was read-ing the paper.
"Looks like a big day at the

"Guess we ought to be ready to go."

about 9:30. I want to find the first and be ready to go."

"Aw, Jerry, we always have a ing sandwickes for our lunch, and the first and be ready to go." good time by ourselves. Besides, then I'll dress and be ready to go."

Jerry was so excited he could hardly swallow, but he had to finish eating so he could go and make plans to meet Hurry after they arrived at the Fair Grounds. Just as Jerry reached the last bite, he realized his dad was talk-

"Lucy, looks like there's a criminal somewhere in this vicinity!" Jerry's eyes opened wide. He looked at his mother and she looked at his dad.

"Yep, that's right." Dad nodded his head gravely. "Herman the German, they call him."

Jerry suddenly rememberedhe had seen that name before.

"Say, dad-that's the one they have up in the post office-has a picture of him, with those other fellows, and it says, 'Wanted.' He's the one with a mustache.'

"It says here he escaped from prison in Canada, and they think he's headed for Chicago.'

"Maybe—maybe Pop Sheehan might catch him—do you s'pose,

Mr. Thomas smiled, more to himself than at Jerry. "Well. Jerry, Pop's a good sheriff, I guess. He does all right at jailing the drunks and tracing chicken thieves. But he's never caught a real criminal, not that I can remember.'

Jerry spooned up the last of the cereal, and suddenly he had and idea "Excuse me, Dad-I'll be back by the time Mom's ready to

leave for the fair. "All right," Mr. Thomas answered, "But be sure you. . . . well, what do you know about that!

He's already out the door!" Jerry was anxious to tell Hurry all about the criminal, but when he said "Herman the German," Hurry knew all about it. "Nothin' to get excited about, though. Shucks—why do you think he might be here?"

"Listen here, Hurry Watson, you don't have to be so smart. Now just think a minute. If you were 'Herman the German,' trying to get from Canada to Chicago, and the police were after you, what would you do?"

Hurry munched his apple thoughtfully. "I don't know what's that got to do with it, anyway?'

"I'll tell you what I'd do. If wanted to get to Chicago, and if the police were after me, I'd settle down for a while in some little town about—well, say about tifty miles out of Chicago."

Hurry's jaws stopped moving, abruptly. "Yeah, but—that's just where Whittenburg is."

"That's what I mean, Hurry. And besides that"—Jerry's chest swelled importantly as he prepared to share his big discovery —"there's something else I bet you hadn't thought of, Mr. Smarty. You know Candy Craig's uncle is visiting them."

"Sure, I know it. Mr. Winkle, his name is.'

'Yes, and I bet you didn't think of this. She says he speaks Ger-

Hurry looked at Jerry as if he'd just killed a toad. "Do you mean to tell me, Jerry, that you think Candy and the Craigs have a criminal visiting them?'

"Oh, I don't think that," Jerry hurried to explain, "if they KNEW he was a criminal. But what if he's just fooling them! What if he isn't Candy's uncle at all...maybe he's just somebody that knew him in Germany."

Hurry was visibly impressed, and yet he still was doubtful. "Seems like they'd know it if he was. I don't know, Jerry, maybe we've been reading too many of those boy detective books."

"I don't think so—I think it's perfectly possible. Wouldn't that be something to really set Whittenburg on its ear! Having a real criminal visiting the Craigs."

Hurry thought about the idea, and the more he thought the bet-ter he liked it. "Maybe we'd bet-ter tell Pop Sheehan!"

"Aw, listen, Hurry, you know how Pop Sheehan is. Dad says he's a good sheriff when it comes to catching chicken thieves and locking up drunks, but he's never been known to catch a real criminal.'

Hurry was undiscouraged. "Yeah, but maybe he could, if he hadn't figured out. For ex-we helped him. Boy, oh boy! Let's ample, how he could understand start investigating.'

criminal somewhere in this vicinity," Jerry's

"Looks like there's



the boys as they planned their, shall's elm tree at 10:15-oh, there detective activities. Hurry thought it would be most effective if they went up to Mr. Winkle-the man who said he was Candy's uncle and said "Herman the German," loud and quick. "I bet he'd jump a mile," Hurry imagined. But Jerry wanted to be more subtle about it.

"Listen, Hurry. Let's go through our private hole in the hedge, over to Craigs, and just look around. Maybe we'll see something sus-picious, or get a clue."

Through the back gate they went, across the alley, and just as Jerry started to follow Hurry through the hedge, he dropped to the ground with a "Shhh!" like a rattlesnake. A gutteral voice came through the hedge, in a foreign language.
"German!" whispered Hurry.

"Yeah—what do you s'pose they're saying?" Jerry replied.

"Wish I knew! Hey, listen—did I hear him say Mrs. Marshall?" 'Yeah, that much he said in English-Mrs. Marshall's elm tree! It's

a secret meeting, Hurry! "Shhhh! If you don't be quiet we can't hear anything!"

The gutteral voice continued, occasionally with an English phrase thrown in, and the boys listened intently.

The German was ending his conversation, saying, "Auf wieder-sehn, friend—until 10:15."

Hurry punched Jerry in the ribs so hard it was impossible for him to muffle the grunt. "That's when they're meeting Jerry! Now we know when they're meeting-10:15. And it's under Mrs. Mar-shall's elm tree!"

Jerry was triumphant. "Say, who knows—maybe they're planning a bank robbery or something.

This is really serious, Hurry!" Hurry stopped a moment. "You

don't suppose we ought to get Mr. Spann, do you?" 'Aw, he might think we were

silly. Remember how he looked at us that day we went swimming?"

Hurry's face was red now, remembering what a jam they had gotten into. Both boys had really learned a lesson, that day. But this didn't seem exactly the same. After all, they reasoned, they weren't doing anything their parents had forbidden.

"I think it would be for the good of the town, Hurry, if we do manage to catch a criminal."

Hurry was quick to agree. 'Yeah, and maybe they'll even put our pictures in the paper.'

The boys skinned back through the hedge, and Jerry said, "Well, whatever we do, we'll just have to be at Mrs. Marshall's elm tree at 10:15."

Hurry became thoughtful. "Yeah, but Jerry—do you realize they might see us? It might even be dangerous!"

"Oh, don't worry about that. I have a plan." Jerry seemed very confident, and Hurry was impressed. "First, we'll have to get a ladder."

"What do you want a ladder for? There's only one tree in this whole block we can't climb without a ladder... say, I believe I get it now!"

"Sure-that's the tree by Mrs. Marshall's driveway-the only one we can't climb without a ladder. And if somebody's going to hold a conversation under a tree, where's the best place to be, if you don't want to be seen?"

"In the tree, of course. Good night, Jerry, I'll have to hand it to you. You really figured that one out."

Jerry smiled modestly. He didn't realize there were several things a second conversation in German The fact that it was Memorial if he couldn't understand the first Day and the opening of the County one, how he could go to the County Fair was far from the minds of Fair at 9:30 and be in Mrs. Mar-

were all sorts of things Jerry didn't figure out until later!

The boys hurried across the yard to get the ladder, and just then Hurry's mother called out the back door, "Timothy!"

Hurry made a face, as he al-ways did when his mother called him by his proper name, but he answered, "Yes, mom?"

"We're about to leave for the County Fair. Are you ready?"
Hurry looked at Jerry, and Jerry

looked at Hurry. Hurry thought about all their plans, and he remembered all the cold, wet mornings he had gotten up to deliver papers. Jerry thought of all the miles he had trudged behind a lawn mower, all the errands he had run for a nickel or a dime. Both boys thought about cotton candy, pink lemonade and pop-corn, the electric milking machine, and the prize animals. Jerry whis "Maybe we could go out pered,

Hurry thought quickly, before he called out to his mother, "Jerry and I-we kinda wanted to stay around for a while, mom. Don't suppose we could hitch-hike out later, do you?"

"No, I wouldn't want you to do that, Timothy. It's not good for boys to be running around the country like that."

Hurry's forehead wrinkled, and Jerry thought hard. "Well, maybe we could... maybe..." Hurry stuttered and then stopped, because he couldn't think of anything. Then Hurry's mother came to the rescue!

"I know what we can do. Mr. and Mrs. Craig aren't leaving until 10:30. Maybe you boys could go with them."

Jerry breathed a sigh of relief. "That would be swell, Mrs. Wat-son, it sure would."

"Could you call Candy's mother, mom, to see if it's all right?'

"I'm sure it will be, but I'll call her. What about you, Jerry? Shall I call your mother while I'm about it?"

"That would be great, Mrs. Watson. If you would."

Hurry's mother looked intent-ly at the two boys. "I can't figure out what's come over you two! I declare, usually on Memorial Day you're pestering the life out of us to hurry and go to the County Fair. Well, guess I'd bet-ter call Mrs. Craig and your moth-er, Jerry." The screen door slammed as she went in the house.

In no time at all the arrangements were made, and Jerry and Hurry had a precious hour in which to do their detective work. Jerry remembered once that his mother had told him he'd have to think for Hurry and himself, too, and then he thought to him-"That's when seit, do something bad. But this isn't bad."

Quickly they hauled the ladder out of Hurry's garage, and around the corner to Mrs. Marshall's yard, where they leaned it against the tree. By this time it was almost 10:00

"Guess our folks have gone to the County Fair, by this time," Hurry said. "I bet it's really good this year."

"Yeah," Jerry answered. "Now listen, Hurry, let's get some paper and pencils, so we can write down the evidence, if we hear anything."

The boys quickly climbed the ladder, into the branches of the big elm tree. They settled down with pencil and paper. Jerry had to explain to Hurry what was meant by "in-crim-i-nating evi-dence"—so Hurry would know what to listen for. Suddenly Hurry realized what Jerry meant-because he remembered they had left some incriminating evidence themselves...the ladder!

NEXT WEEK: Jerry and Hurry find themselves in a real predicament! There's more excitement in store for the boys. Be sure you don't miss out on chapter VIII

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

rector of Extension and Re-ligious Activities at Bob Jones University, has shown me a partial report of the work done by Bob Jones ministerial stu-dents during the first nine weeks of this summer. Here are some interesting figures. These ministerial students who are returning to the University this fall for further training have put into the hands of people whom they have contacted 237,837 tracts telling people how to be saved. Remember, this is just a partial report,

Just before dictating this

Just before dictating this statement, I have had a talk with a young man twenty-five years of age who was a member of a Roman Catholic family and who himself was a Roman Catholic and was led to Jesus Christ by one of our Rob Larce University beautiful. Bob Jones University boys. This young man is coming here to school this fall to prepare for the ministry and would not be an

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Dr. Gilbert Stenholm, the Di-|derful results that are being accomplished in the lives of young people who are willing to do all they can to help themselves but who are not able to pay their entire way through Bob Jones University.

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#### The Sin of Ananias

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As we read the record I am sure nobody is struck with the horror of it on the surface. Nobody feels that Ananias and Sapphira were very much worse than many people we meet with every day. And some of us, if our consciences are active, looked appar-ently far worse than these two when we last surveyed ourselves in the looking-glass.

What was the offence of Ananias and Sapphira? They pretended to a greater degree of Christian devotedness than they really possessed! That was all; but it was a tremendously evil thing in the sight of God.

#### The Whole-Soul Abandon With Which Jerusalem Christians Gave

We are told Ananias "sold a possession, and kept back part of the price." Now that would not mean anything to us unless we considered what had gone before in the previous chapter-when love was working among those early Christians and they were so concerned about their brothers that all selfishness seemed for the time being to be banished. We "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

Now no one told them they had to do this. It was not a rule of the early Church that they were to establish a communistic association of some kind. No instructions were given that if men had property they were to dispose of it. The point is this: the Spirit of God, who is the Spirit of unselfishness, was working in such pow-

er in the hearts of the early believers they simply could not consider anything as their own, but held everything they had as a trust from God to be used as a blessing to other people. What a wonderful testimony if that were true today! if Christians everywhere regarded that which God put in their keeping as a stewardship from Himself, to be used in alleviating the wants of those in need and in assisting Christians in distress, and getting the gospel out in the shortest possible time to the ends of the earth! But alas. we who profess to follow Him who could say when He was here, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head"-we are so concerned about our own comfort, nice clothing, a home for ourselves and the little luxuries of life, that we often forget the deep needs of those about

After all, you do not find the greatest happiness in using God's "It is more blessed to give than to receive." You do not find that in the four Gospels-it is not mentioned by Matthew, Mark, Luke or John; but the Apostle Paul, in impressing the Ephesian elders with the importance of unselfishness in the Christian life, said, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). How did they know He said that? Evidently those words had been uttered so frequently by the Lord Jesus that then the other throughout the world, and they would say, "Re-member when Jesus was here? He used to say, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." It gives us the spirit of the Lord Himself who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt.

20:28). You know, many Christians are not even tithers. They take all God gives them and use practically all for themselves and do not think of the needs of others. When it comes to the Lord, an occasional dime or quarter is the extent of their benevolence; and when it comes to the poor and needy, some day when kind ladies standing on street corners pin a badge on them for contributing, they will put a dime in the box! Actually they live for themselves; but when God controls the heart, it is different.

"Neither was there any among them that lacked." I might say, I not work hard for it? Have I not earned it? Yes, but it was God absolutely honest before Him. who gave me the ability to earn it. Of course I have the responsibility of supporting my family, live on myself; but if I am to be was it not thine own? and after a follower of the Lord Jesus it was sold, was it not in thine sure for the blessing of others.

over Jerusalem. In a little while unto God." Notice the Holy Ghost their possessions and distribution was made out of a common fund and Holy Spirit. to every man as he had need. And we had one outstanding example -Joses, who had property over in Cyprus. Now judgment was not hanging over Cyprus, so there was no real reason for him to sell the property; but he did sell it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. And so those standing by could not help giving him a certain amount of credit. They probably said, "Wasn't that a remarkable thing to do! Isn't he a generous man!" He did it out of love for Christ and His peo-

#### Lying to the Holy Spirit: Ananias

Ananias and Sapphira, no doubt standing by, said, "We had better get in on this, too." Then they put their heads together and said, I have prayed once I have prayed to go in the presence of God and "After all, it is not necessary to a thousand times and said, "Don't cry, "Purge me with hyssop, and bring in all the money." It wasn't! let me be able to preach unless in

If they had been honest and straightforward and come to the apostles and said, "We have kept some; here is the balance to be used," it would have been all right. But they said, "We do not need to say anything about it. Others are giving their all, but we will salt down a little for a rainy day, for a nest egg. Nobody will know the difference. They will take it for granted that this is all, and we will get credit for devotedness which we don't really possess.' That was what was in their hearts.

And so they came and laid down their money. No doubt the people looked on approvingly. Isn't that to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, God nice of Brother Ananias and Sister Sapphira! Are they not gener- July 18, he writes saying, ous! And doubtless Ananias turned away with a bright, happy countenance, pleased to get the others' approbation. But Peter others' approbation. But Peter first ten names of the hundred called him back. He did not say, that I promised to get to sub-"We certainly do appreciate this. This is a wonderful thing you have done." There was no palaver like that with Peter. flattereth his neighbor spreadeth a net for his feet" (Prov. 29:5). He said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the gifts for yourself. The Lord said, Holy Ghost?" Now notice that again and again in this part of You know he recorded most of the the book of Acts you read of men messages so we could use them out being filled with the Holy Spirit, at Faith Mission. It was a great You read, "They were all full of the Holy Spirit," and, "They were filled with the Spirit," and in the epistle to the Ephesians we are told: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Well, just as it is possible to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God so that He dominates and controls your whole life, so that selfishness and everything incongruous with the Christhey had been carried by one and tian life disappear-so is it possible to be filled with the spirit of Satan, and under the control of tions in a year's time, it would be Satan to be dominated by that blessed of God. which is selfish and evil.

Here is a man who wanted peo-"Satan filled thine ing, by July 1, 1953. Peter said, heart to lie to the Holy Ghost. How had he lied to the Holy Ghost? He had not said anything. You do not need to say anything to lie to the Holy Ghost. You see, He was present in the Church. Lying to the Holy Ghost is a sin that has often been repeated down through the centuries. People have come into the Church and acted hypocritically, have pretended to devotedness which was not true, to a surrender of life they have never actually made; they have pretended to be out and out for Christ when ulterior motives lay behind their actions. And the Holy Ghost said, "You have lied to Me. It is a serious thing to be untrue in the congregation of God. God But is it not my own money? Did desires truth in the inward part. He wants people to be genuine,

"Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Chost, and to keep back part of the price and I need a certain amount to of the land? While it remained, Christ, I am to use a large mea- own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? The curse of God was hanging thou hast not lied unto men, but do not possess. ly in three Persons-Father, Son,

They had lied unto God. Notice Peter's reasoning. That was your it were all you received, and you gave all these people the impression that you were doing what others had done, making full surto you.

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Here is the question of money. the city was to be destroyed, not is God. Just as the Father is God Perhaps God has entrusted me one stone was to be destroyed, not one stone was to be left upon another; so these early Christians said, "We will sell what we have to further the work of the Lord and help the needy." So they sold their possessions and distribution to the stone was to be destroyed, not and the Son is God, so the Holy with means. When opportunity comes I would like to do a little for the Lord and I think I could, maybe, and so, after fighting with their possessions and distribution by in three Porsons. Father Son cents or even a dellar, God known. cents or even a dollar. God knows I can give much more than that trifling amount. Somebody says-"Trifling! Brother, if you only own land, Ananias. God gave it knew how much money that is!" to you and you were entitled to I am not talking to you, my dear it. After you sold it you could brother. My Lord appreciates to have kept the money, but you the full the small coin that comes came and put it down as though from the needy purse. How He appreciated the two mites the widow gave! But He would not appreciate two mites from one with \$50,000 in the bank. The way the render of what God had entrusted Lord estimates our gifts is not by the amount we give, but by what we have left; not the impression we are making on others at the time. I am sure if the Spirit of God applies this to many of our ed, wholly yielded to God, and hearts we shall realize that Ana-yet after all, how much self-seek-nias and Sapphira were not sinners above all others, that others have sinned as much, and perhaps we are among them, and we need

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#### The Sin of Ananias

(Continued from page 7) I shall be clean: wash me, and I ous way. Of those outside, there shall be whiter than snow" (Psa. was no mass effort to identify

#### Sapphira Follows Her Lying Husband

Ananias had nothing to say Even as Peter spoke, he fell down and gave up the ghost; and those standing by carried out his dead body to prepare it for burial. Three hours later, Sapphira, evidently missing her husband and wondering about him, came. I suppose she expected everybody to greet her with-"My sister, that was a wonderful gift you gave, you and your dear husband. You are doing a lot for the Lord, and you will get a great reward at the judgment seat of Christ!" But the people are nervous and troubled, eyes cast down, as she comes up to Peter. Peter says, "I want to ask you a question. "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much?" "And she, taken by surprise but without a moment's hesitation, answers, "Yea, for so much." And they did! Did you sell the land for "so much"? Yes, for so much-AND 50 per cent more, or 100 per cent more. That is what some people call a white lie. My dear friends, there is no such thing as a white lie. A lie is as black as its father, and the Devil is the father. It was true in one sense. They sold it for so much-and so much more.

Then Peter said unto her, "How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out." And in a moment she dropped, smitten by the power of God.

If the Spirit of God were working in that way today, what a lot of work there would be for the undertakers! There would not be enough of them in any of our cities to bury those who dropped dead! In those early days the Church walked with God in holiness and righteousness. Today, alas, the Church has gotten so far away from God, and there is so much sin and hypocrisy and unreality, that God (I say it rever-ently) does not think it worth while to deal with people like this, for the Church refuses to listen to His voice. Do not let us think of Ananias and Sapphira as so very different from other people. They are like many of us today.

We are told, "And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things." Well, we too have heard them. God grant that great fear will come upon us. Fear of what? Fear that we shall dishonor the Spirit of God by pretending to be what we are not, by pretending to be genuinely devoted when we are full of hypocrisy and unreality. Oh, if the Spirit of God speaks to any of us and we are saving in our hearts, I haven't been genuine, I haven't been real-shall we not face God about it today and by His grace put all unreality out of our lives and turn wholly to Him as the one alive from the dead? We sing sometimes

I'll live for Him who died for me, How happy then my soul shall be! I'll live for Him who died for me, My Saviour and my God!

Oh grant that each one of us may renew our consecration to God if we are conscious of unreality and failure in the past (as I am sure most of us are), that we may say, By His grace, I want to be all for Christ, I want to be real, that others may be reached by my testimony and brought to know my Saviour, too.

#### The Power of Separated Christians Wholly Given to God

In the closing verses of this portion we are told of many miraculous signs wrought by the apostles in confirmation of the message given them to proclaim. We read, "By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.)" There was blessed unity a multitude out of the cities round and God could move in a marvel- about unto Jerusalem, bringing

themselves with the Christian company. Men were rather filled with fear because of the judg-ment that had come upon Ananias and Sapphira, so people were slow to take a place in fellowship with the Christians. Would that it had always been so! The curse of Christianity today is that vast numbers of members of Christian churches have never been saved! Their hearts are in the world and they love the things of the world. This mixed multitude has always hurt the testimony of the

Those outside durst not join themselves to the Christians, but the people generally magnified the apostles as they recognized the wonderful way in which God was working through them. So we read that believers, multitudes of men and women, were added to the Lord. I called your attention to the phrase "added to the Lord." What does it mean? Well, you see, a new dispensation had come in when all who believed in the baptism of the Holy Spirit were joined to the Lord Himself, and though we do not get the doctrine of the one Body until God gave to the Apostle Paul, we have the facts everywhere. It is implied here where we read of people being "added to the Lord." Multitudes of them. The only way to be added to the Lord is by becoming members of His Body.

#### A Christian's Shadow Should Bring Blessing

"Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." This is a thoroughly Oriental picture and very interesting. Even today in the Orient people imagine a man's shadow carries his influence, and parents will run to draw their children away from the shadow of someone they dislike; while on the other hand, should some honored person pass by, they will endeavor to have the children come within his shadow, hoping thereby to bring good fortune on them. These Orientals were so impressed by the power that Peter possessed that, when he was passing along a certain street or road, they brought their sick into the streets, so that his shadow might fall upon them. We are not told that anyone was healed in that way. Their action shows us their appreciation of Peter. It is suggestive, too, because while in the Orient it speaks of one's influence, it raises the question: What about our influence? Are we so walking with God that people like to come in contact with us, or is there so little of Christ about us, are we so self-centered and worldly that no one would think of bringing people within our influence to be blessed and helped? There is a shadow influence today.

I have often told how my oldest son at one time had an eclipse of they were healed every one." God's faith until one day several of us power was working mightily. But were invited to spend an afternoon now this stirred the fire of the with William Jennings Bryan in leaders of the people again. They his Florida home, and I was asked to bring my son. During that visit, for two or three hours we discussed the Word of God and exchanged thoughts on precious portions of Scripture. The young man sat apart and said very little, but as we left that place he turned to me and exclaimed, "Father, I have been a fool! I thought I couldn't believe the Bible, but if a man like that with his education and intelligence can believe, I am making a fool of myself to pretend I cannot accept it." So much for the shadow ministry of William Jennings Bryan. I wonder if we know anything of the shadow ministry. As people come in contact with us, even if we do not utter a word, is there something about us that makes them say, "The more I see of that person the more I want to know God"? I think that is what this beautiful picture here suggests.

We are told, "There came also

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sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and take a more stringent stand. So in the next section we shall see how the chief priests tried to hinder the work.

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sufferings were finished. Thirtythree years before He had left Heaven's glory to dwell upon the earth, born in poverty and obscurity; reared in a despised province of Galilee, and an even more despised city of Nazareth, He lived on earth less than half the normal span of human life. During that time He was criticized, threatened, misunderstood, despised, rejected, and opposed, until at last He was rudely captured in a garden where He had gone to pray, bound like a criminal, led to the judgment hall, beaten, spit upon, slapped and abused, and condemned to die He is led away to be crucified as a thief and a murderer. Cruel nails are driven through His hands and feet, a crown of thorns on His head. His back bruised and shredded as they hang Him between two malefactors to die While we hear never a complaint concerning His physical suffering it must have been excruciating and acute. I believe that Christ suffered in His body like no man ever did or could suffer. His was a sinless body, a holy body, that bout any part God may wish you had never known the numbing effects of sin. And now after six long hours on the cruel cross, He cried out, "IT IS FINISHED." Yes, His suffering was finished once and for all.

#### **Prophecy Was Finished**

The second thing which was finished was the prophetic fulfillment concerning His humiliation and suffering at His first advent. From the first Messianic prophecy words or more in length, must be in Genesis 3, where God had prophesied that the Saviour in His First prize, \$250; second, third and conflict with the serpent would fourth prizes, \$100 each; and nine have His heel bruised, throughout other prizes of \$50 each. See last all the books of Moses and the week's Sword for details or write prophets there were predictions concerning the coming of the Son of God. The place of His birth, both as to city and province, His mira-

culous conception and virgin birth. His mighty acts, His rejection by the nation and His death upon the cross, had all been foretold by the seers of old. Every prophecy con-cerning His first coming was fulfilled when He cried, "IT IS FIN-ISHED," and the Lord Jesus knew it. As He hung on the cross He was aware of every single word which had been uttered about Him in all the Scriptures and He would not give up the ghost, and lay down His life until the last one had been fulfilled. This is very evident from the record in John 19. Study these few verses carefully. The cry, "IT IS FINISHED," followed immediately after He had been offered the rinegar and had tasted of it. This was in response to the cry of the Lord Jesus Christ, "I THIRST." This taking of the vinegar was the final and last prophecy which had to be fulfilled before He died. Every other utterance of all the (Continued on page 9)

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this one, and so in order that the prediction given in Psalm 69:21 might not fail, He cried "I thirst."

David, in describing prophetically the sufferings of the Lord Jesus in Psalm 69, says this concerning Him,

hath broken my "Reproach heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."-Psa. 69:20.21.

And the Lord Jesus hanging on the cross in the full possession of all His mental faculties, having refused the stupefying drink they had offered Him previously, knew that every one of the thousands of prophecies concerning His first coming had been fulfilled except this last one. And so in order that the word of God might be fulfilled and not one single prophecy fail, He cried, "I THIRST." It was not because He complained of thirst, but that the "scriptures might be fulfilled." No doubt the Lord Jesus was thirsty but His cry is not a complaint but a demand for the absolute fulfillment of the word of God. Notice again the way John puts it.

"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, THAT THE SCRIPTURE MIGHT BE FULFILL-ED, said, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It head, and gave up the ghost."
—John 19:28-30.

When He had received the vinegar, He said, "IT IS FINISHED!"

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prophets had been fulfilled except Him had been fulfilled, and He gave up His life.

#### He Finished His Work

Again the cry, "IT IS FINISH-ED," tells us that the work He came to do in the world was fin-ished. He did not die before His work was done for then the whole plan would have failed. For the one thing the Lord Jesus came into the world for was to SAVE SINNERS. When the angel brought the message to the virgin Mary he said,

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."—Matt.

Paul in writing to Timothy de-

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."-1 Tim. 1:15.

After just six hours on the cross He had accomplished that work, and met every requirement of God to be the Saviour of men. He had satisfied the law, had borne the awful penalty of sin, and made full atonement, and there was no need of suffering any longer or making any additional payment for He had fulfilled every requirement, paid every farthing, met every condition, and so when He knew that His work was done He died voluntarily. Jesus could have hung on that cross for days and days longer if it had been necessary. The two thieves outlived is finished: and He bowed His Him and had to be put to death by breaking their bones, but when they came to Jesus, they found Him already dead. Why should the thieves live longer than Christ? Were they stronger than He? Could they bear more pain than He? Was Christ a weakling compared with two thieves? Could He not stand as much as they? Is this the answer? We all know it cannot be. There are records of criminals who hung on the cross for days and days, until the

through by disease and the effects of sin sometimes suffered for days upon the cross, while Jesus hung there only six hours and was dead. Was He a weakling, we ask once more? Could He not stand as much as two dissipated thieves whose bodies were weakened and sapped by sin, debauchery, age and abuse? We must look somewhere else for the early and sud-den death of the Son of God.

#### I Lay Down My Life

We have the answer in the very words spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ while He was still teaching among the multitudes. Christ did not die of crucifixion or violence. Christ did not die of a broken 1:21.

Later He Himself said, "I am of blood and hemorrhage. He did not come to call the righteous, not die from weakness and pain. but sinners to repentance." And He died in the full possession of not die from weakness and pain. His mental and His physical powers, and we repeat, He could have hung on the cross indefinitely before dying but it was not necessary. After six hours His work was done, the sin question had been met. The payment had been made, and so when all was done He voluntarily, consciously, and by His own power laid down His life. He gave up the ghost. He yielded up His spirit. His work was done. If it had not been done, He would have continued to hang there until it was done. But when He said, "It is finished," there was no need of suffering longer and He laid down His life. Listen to His prophetic words in John 10,

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."-John 10:17,18.

Strange words indeed these are for a man to speak. Claiming that He could not only lay down His life, but that after He had died He could Himself take up His life again. Either He is more than a mere man or He is guilty of the wildest statement a man could make. But on the cross He fulfilled these words. So we re-peat, Christ did not die from any vultures plucked out their living outside cause, He died by volun-

#### Cried With a Loud Voice

In perfect harmony with this was not weakened by suffering or pain or loss of blood when He died, but that He was still strong and virile and full of vigor and life. Listen to Matthew's commentary on the death of Christ,

"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost."—Matt. 27:50.

Or hear the testimony of Dr. Luke,

"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my gave up the ghost."-Luke 23:

Or listen to the evangelist Mark,

"And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.' -Mark 15:37.

Why do all three of these writers tell us that when Christ died, He cried with a loud voice? Certainly men who die from exhaustion and loss of blood do not cry with a loud voice. There is the rapid breathing, the low moan, the rattles in the chest, the unintelligible sighing and whining, but not so with Jesus. He cried loudly and plainly and rationally to indicate that He was neither weak nor delirious nor distracted. His work was done and He laid down His life only to take it up

#### Who Killed Christ?

This will throw a new light on the age old controversial question, "Who killed Christ?" Men in all ages since the death of Christ have done their best to place the blame for His crucifixion upon someone else besides themselves. There are those who claim that the Elders and scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day killed Christ by delivering Him into the hands of the Gentiles and they would lav the blame upon the nation of Israel. Then there are those who would tell us that the Roman soldiers killed Christ for they were the ones who drove the nails through His hands. Others would put the blame on Pilate. Now in a certain sense all are true, but when we get right down to the bottom of the matter none of these actually killed Him, for He said, "I have power to lay down my life and have power to take it again." The nation, Pilate, the Roman soldiers all had something to do with the cause of His death superficially, but in reality Christ laid down His life voluntarily to make atonement for sin. And since all of us are sinners, all of us are the cause of the death of Christ.

#### His Resurrection

In our next message we shall see some other things which the Lord Jesus finished when He laid down His life on the cross. We shall see that He finished the law, He finished death, and He finished sin as the cause of death. But now before we close this message we want to say just a word about the question we mentioned at the beginning, "How do but what proof is there that it was? By the fact that after three days He arose from the grave and was seen for forty days, and that He is now alive in Heaven the Man in the Glory, and that Wheaton, Illinois He is coming back again. The resurrection is the proof that His work was complete. Remember God said, "The wages of sin is death." If Jesus had failed to make atonement for one single sin, He would still have been dead today. For according to Isaiah, God, "laid on Jesus the sin of the world." He bare our sins in His own body on the tree. When Jesus took our sin, or as Paul states it, became sin for us," HE MUST DIE. There was no escape. Sin must be punished by death and since He became sin and took our sin He must die. But if He had died without making full payment, He would never have arisen. Had one single little sin of all the countless billions of sins laid on Him remained unatoned, He could not have arisen from the dead. And so the resurrection of Christ is the proof that His work was finished. If Jesus had died from is

eyes and their hands and feet rot-ted from their still living bodies. Sinful men with their bodies shot left to rise again from the grave. weakness or pain or loss of blood. Weakness or pain or loss of blood or any other physical cause, there pleteness of His atonement. Then He might have died before the work was done. But because He claim of Christ, three of the four died by His own volition when the gospel records tell us that Christ work was done is the assurance that my debt is fully paid and I need never worry about my sins anymore if I have believed on

> We have tried to show you a few of the glorious truths contained in the words of our Lord, "IT IS FINISHED." In the following messages we shall go still deeper. But now, will you stand with me once more before that cross and in that deep darkness when God hid His face and blackness enveloped the earth, hear spirit: and having said thus, he Him cry with a strength of voice and power that made the earth to quake and the rocks to rend the graves to open, "IT IS FINISHED." And can you say with me, Yes, thank God, it is finished for me? For after all, while the work for you is finished you must by faith receive it. Very true, God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and God was fully satisfied with what Christ did on the cross, and proved it by His resurrection, but it can avail you nothing until you receive it. The doctor may have prepared for you a remedy for your disease, and have it all ready and paid for, but if you refuse to take it, it will not avail. And so while God is reconciled He calls to you, "Be ye reconciled to God." Look with me once more to Calvary, receive Him and say with me:

> > 'Man of sorrow," what a name For the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished," was His cry; Now in Heav'n exalted high, Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

When He comes, our glorious

All His ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing, Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

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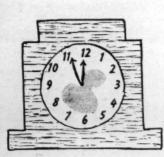
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us take an instance in point: Perhaps no fossil series has ever created a greater impression, or been quoted more often as proving descent, than the famous "ancestry of the horse." Probably everyone has heard of it. In some form or another appears in countless books, as demonstrative evidence of the evolution of the horse. Yet—and note this—while lesser people are accepting that series with such complete confidence, one of the greatest of modern palaeontologists, Charles Deperet, rejects it altogether! He tells us that: "The supposed pedigree of the Equidae is a deceitful delusion which ... in no way enlightens us on the palaentological origin of the horse" (Transformations of the Animal World, p. 105). Similarly another eminent palaeontologist, our own Dr. F. A. Bather. when referring to this same supposed ancestry of the horse, showed how little it had stood the test of expert criticism, and remarked that: "Descent, then, is not a corollary of succession" (Address before British Assosee Advancement of clation: Science, 1920: Geology, p. 6).

Nor can we doubt that the remarks of the two palaeontologists quoted above are fully justified, for yet another eminent palaeontologist, Sir J. W. Dawson (who was not an evolutionist), put the whole thing into the simplest terms 30 years ago, when he pointed out that the inherent weakness of all fossil series was surely seen when the modern horse was traced back, by two equally persuasive fossil series, to two entirely different origins! (See his Moddern Ideas of Evolution, p. 119). In Europe, the horse has been traced back to Paloeotherium, in America to Eohippus. Both series still have their advocates; and the advocates are seldom even agreed about the animals to put into each series. I have compared many supposed ancestries of the horse, and know that the only animal common to all is the modern horse itself. (The Bible and Modern Science, pp. 45-47).

It is, of course, perfectly true that modern books on palaeontology (the science of fossil remains) are mostly written by evolutionists who endeavor to arrange and interpret the fossils in accordance with their theory. Prof. W. B. Scott has described the result of these efforts. Writing on The Palaeontological Record," in Darwin and Modern Science, p. 189, he says:

The ludicrous discrepancies which often appear between the phylogenetic "trees" of various writers have led many zoologists to ignore palaeontology alto-gether as unworthy of serious attention ... What one writer postulates as almost axiomatic, another will reject as impossible and absurd.

In view of the verdict of this uthority in Palaeontology how can any evolutionist honestly contend that geology offers any support to his theory?

6. The sixth "proof" offered consists of the facts of artificial selection. We will widen this line of evidence to include the facts of "natural selection" also. Darwin believed that all Nature was the scene of a continual "struggle for existence," the result being "the survival of the fittest" and "the elimination of the unfit." He assumed that when certain

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series as proving descent. Let members of a species developed variations of form, color, size, strength, etc., which proved helpful in this struggle, these favored members would survive, mate and multiply. Nature would thus "select" the most favorable variations, and these would survive while the others died out.

Darwin assumed that such a process might continue till the succession of variations produced

new species. He realized, however, the complete lack of the necessary biological evidence to support his theory. He said (Life and Letters, Vol. III., p. 25):-

There are two or three millions of species on earth—sufficient field, one might think, for observation. But it must be said today that, in spite of all the efforts of trained observers, not one change of a species into another is on record.

Darwin, however, confidently anticipated that further research would furnish the evidence required. But it has not done so. Professor Bateson, one of the most eminent biologists of recent years, and an evolutionist, gave in 1922 a masterly summary of the scientific researches of the previous half-century. He showed that these patient efforts had discovered no evidence of evolution. Each new avenue, entered so confidently, had proved a blind alley. He says:-

We cannot see how the differentiation into species came about. Variations of many kinds ... we daily witness, but no origin of species . . . That particular and essential bit of the theory of evolution which is concerned with the origin and nature of species remains utterly mysterious.

The most remarkable fact in the situation is that Professor Bateson and many other eminent scientists are still unable to see or unwilling to admit the perfect correspondence between the facts of Nature and the teaching of Genesis. They still hold that evolution is the only rational explanation of the teeming life around us! They believe in evolution as a universal law, while admitting that they cannot find one instance of its operation! Such is the credulity of the natural mind, even the most gifted and the most learned, when it is closed to the

truths of Divine revelation. By artificial selection remarkable variations can be obtained. Fantail and pouter pigeons, and many other varieties have thus been produced. But they are still pigeons. They never evolve into eagles or into canaries. Nor do they cease to lay eggs; they never evolve into mammals. Moreover, when the directing care of man is withdrawn they quickly revert to the original type, the blue pigeon of the woods. The facts of selection, natural and artificial, furnish no shred of evidence for evolution. They confirm the truth of Genesis that every living thing multiplies "after its kind."

Let no one assume, however, that we believe in the infallibility of the present classification of "species." Far from it. Lt.-Col. Davies says:-

The dog may...be descended from the wolf, and both may have a common origin with the jackal and the fox. The whole cat tribe—from our domestic pet to the lion and the tiger —may also have both a recent and a common origin. The only effect of such admissions would be not to destroy the credit of Scripture, but to reduce the number of animals that Noah would have to take into the ark. (The Bible and Modern

Science, p. 53).
Professor G. M. Price says:—
There are now in existence some 40 or 50 species of cats, of the family of the Felidae .... But there is no doubt in my mind that they have sprung from a common ancestry. There are some seven species of the Equidae, or horse, and they likewise are probably all of one common ancestry.... If these facts and these concessions... are of any comfort to the orthodox evolutionists, they are welcome to make the most of

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them. To my mind, the followers of Darwin and of Mendel . . . are merely the hewers of wood and the drawers of water for those of our day who are now gaining a more accurate insight into that marvellous record of the origin of our present plants and animals, which is the very quintessence of modern scientific discovery, discoveries which so wonderfully confirm the record in the Christian's Bible (The Phantom of Organic Evolution, pp. 97, 98).

As true science, dealing with facts and not with theories, learns more of the wonders of Nature, we may find that the different "kinds" of Genesis 1 correspond more closely with the "genera" than with the "species" of modern biological classification. Certainly all our present knowedge goes to confirm the teaching of Genesis 1, that each type multiplies "after its kind." Men-del's experiments afford no evidence of evolution. They show that variations are due to the sorting of existing factors and not to the formation of new ones. Prof. Bateson says:

The essence of the Mendelian principle is ... that the parent cannot pass on to the offspring an element, and, consequently, the corresponding property, which it does not itself possess (Scientific American Sup., 3 January, 1914).

It would be impossible to exaggerate the importance of this fact that actual experiments prove bit. that the parent cannot pass on what it does not itself possess. The amazing thing is that men who know this can still reject Genesis, which teaches the same truth, and accept evolution, which assumes that an amoeba or a microbe can produce a man!

Two great facts must always be clearly distinguished. Within the type or "kind" we see a marvellous capacity for variation. Between one type and another there is a great gulf fixed.

Two other "proofs" of evolution are frequently referred to, and will therefore be mentioned at this

7. Homologies, i.e., similarities of structure in different groups of animals, are often referred to as "proofs" of evolution. The hand of a man, the wing of a bat and the paddle of a whale all show a similar skeletal structure. The advocate of evolution keenest would acknowledge the absurdity of inferring from this fact that the whale evolved from the bat or the man from the whale. He tries to escape from this position by suggesting that they must have arisen from "a common ancestor." We -have already seen that the parent can pass on nothing which it does not itself possess. Fancy, then, an amoeba or a jelly-fish, which possesses no skeleton, evolving into this is solemnly suggested in the name of "science"! "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this lution is seen in its true lightworld?" (I Cor. 1:20).

men. The subject is highly tech- certainties of a Divine revelation nical, and students who desire a attested by the Lord of Glory! detailed treatment of it are referred to The Bankruptcy of Evo- present situation is that so many lution (Appendix and to a book- are doing it. The Word of God, let entitled Evolution and the nineteen centuries ago, declared

Blood Precipitation Test, by Arthur I. Brown, M.D., C.M., F.R.-C.S.E. The latter is probably the ablest treatise obtainable on this question, and exposes the utter fallacy of the whole argument.

Only a few points can be referred to here. In the first place, different series of tests with bloodserum give widely different and contradictory results. For in-stance, in one of Nuttall's series of tests an exactly similar reaction is given by a whale, a tiger, a baboon, an antelope, and a man! Does the evolutionist ask us to believe that this test proves man to be equally related to each of

It would be just as reasonable to claim common descent for the rat, the sheep, the crocodile, the canary, and man, because bones of each yield calcium!

The proportion of common salt in blood is the same as that in sea-water. Does the evolutionist infer that blood has evolved from sea-water?

Serious and sometimes fatal reactions occur when one man's blood is injected into another man. Does this prove that one of them is not a member of the human race?

Again, the blood-serum of rabbits may be injected into human beings who are "bleeders" with beneficial results. But ox-serum produces a dangerous reaction. Yet, according to the theory of evolution, man is far more closely related to the ox than the rab-

#### Failure of "Proofs"

We have now reviewed each of the main lines of "proof" ad-duced by evolutionists. Not one will bear the searchlight of scientific facts. Not one can maintain its ground under cross-examina-

#### The Amoeba Disproves the Theory

According to this theory, animal life began in one or more tiny one-celled organisms such as the amoebae. It is assumed that these amoebae possessed power to develop into more and more complex organisms, till after hundreds of millions of years they evolved into men! Now evolution is stated to be the universal law controlling the development of every living thing. Therefore it must have been operating in all of the amoebae for hundreds of millions of years. For amoebae grow only from amoebae-not from sand or slime. Why then is it possible to take a drop of water from any stagnant pool, place it under the microscope and find the amoebae still existing as tiny one-celled organisms, just as they began hundreds of millions of years ago? An amoeba which remains unchanged generation after generation for hundreds of mila bat or a man or a whale! And lions of years refutes completely the theory of evolution.

In the light of these facts Evoa pretentious superstructure built

truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:4). The Scriptures of truth, which today men deny and set aside, have accurate-The perfect correspondence between these first century prophecies and twentieth century conditions is one of the hall marks of Divine inspiration, confirming our faith in the Bible as "the Word of God which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Pet. 1:23).

#### Four Missing Links

Let us now turn to the evidence brought forward to "prove" the ape ancestry of man. Four "missing links" are introduced to us.

#### Pithecanthropus Erectus

1. Pithecanthropus erectus, or he Trinil Ape-Man. This "apeman" is reconstructed from a piece of a skull found in Java in 1891. Near it a thigh bone and two teeth were found. The piece of skull is so small that when it was examined in 1895 by a group of the world's most famous anthropologists at Leyden, they could not determine to what animal it belonged. One group said it belonged to a man, another group attributed it to an ape, and a third group to a missing link! Dr. Rudolf Virchow, perhaps the greatest anatomist of recent times, after a careful examination, declared it to be the skull of a large gibbon. This first link in the hypothetical chain is certainly 'missing"!

#### Heidelberg Man

2. Heidelberg man. The Heidelberg man? No! The Heidelberg jaw! Nothing is known of him except a jaw-bone with teeth well preserved. Not a fragment of the skull or any other part of the skeleton has been found. Furthermore, Prof. Birkner, of Munich, exhibits a modern Eskimo skull, the jaw of which presents the same features. (See God or Gorilla, McCann, p. 62). The second link in this imaginary chain is also "missing"!

#### Neanderthal Man

3. Neanderthal man. The piece of skull known as the Neanderthal skull was discovered in a cave in Germany in 1856. With this skull cap were found human arm and leg bones, human pelvic bone and pieces of human ribs. Prof. Virchow said, after thoroughly studying these remains, that they were pathologically much altered: that there were traces of rickets and gout, that the Neanderthal man could not possibly have belonged to a primitive savage race. (The Evolution and Progress of Mankind, by Klaatch and Heilborn, p. 19).

Huxley said: "In no sense can the Neanderthal bones be regarded as the remains of a human being intermediate between man and the apes.'

The third link in our theoretical chain is also "missing"!

#### Piltdown Man

8. The last "proof" is that de- upon an imaginary foundation. known as Eoanthropus Dawsoni the Word of God they no longer rived from the chemical reactions of the blood-serum of animals and asked to surrender the glorious Dawson). This "missing link," or found at different times were istics of a human skull. The piece an ape. Prof. Hrdlicka, in the Smithsonian Report for 1913,

> The most important development in the study of the Piltdown remains is the recent well-documented objection by Prof. Gerrit S. Miller, of the United States National Museum, to the classing together of the lower jaw and the canine with the cranium. According to Miller, who had ample anthropoid, as well as human material for comparison, the jaw and tooth belong to a fossil chimpanzee (Quoted by McCann in God or Gorilla, p. 8).

The Piltdown fragments were

turn away their ears from the logical Society of London, Detruth, and shall be turned unto cember, 1912. Sir Ray Lankester (2 Tim. 4:4). The Scrip- maintained that the jaw and the fact that the Theological Colleges skull never belonged to the same creature. Prof. David Waterston, ly foretold all the outstanding of the University of London, features of the present apostasy. said that the mandible (i.e., lower jaw) was obviously that of a chimpanzee, while the fragments of the skull were human in all their characters.

So the fourth link is also "missing"!

One other "reconstructed" apeman is deserving of notice. The Illustrated London News of June 24, 1912, contained a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Hisperopithecus, reconstructed by Prof. Eliot Smith from a single tooth found in Nebraska by Prof. H. F. Osborn. Both these scientists regarded this tooth as sufficient evidence of yet another missing link to add to the four we have considered above. Five years later the cables announced that the tooth had been positively identified as belonging to an extinct wild pig! Since then, Hisperopithecus and his wife have both been "missing"!

#### Imaginary Reconstructions

Is it any wonder that Prof. W. Jones, of the University of London has declared concerning the "missing links"

find no occupation less worthy of the science of anthropology than the not unfashionbusiness of modelling, painting or drawing these night-mare pictures of imagination, and lending them in process an utterly false value of apparent reality.

Thus we see that Palaeontology has discovered large numbers of fossil apes and large numbers of fossil men. Why has it failed to find a single specimen of an apeman? There is only one possible explanation. The ape-man never existed.

This is the reason why Sir J. W. Dawson stated:

I know nothing of the origin of man, except what I am told in the Scriptures-that God created him. I do not know anything more than that, and I do not know of anyone who does.

We have now reviewed all the main lines of evidence upon which the theory of evolution is built We appeal to the reason and common sense of the reader to decide whether evolution is a proved fact or a specious theory.

One fact is perfectly clear and deserving of special emphasis. It is that a number of the most distinguished scientists frankly declare that no evidence of evolution has been discovered. How then, is it possible for professors and lecturers to declare that no eminent scientist opposes evolution? What is the explanation of this strange situation? It is really quite simple. When a scientist declares himself against evolution, then the evolutionists take the offender's name off the list they label "eminent"! It is the same process by which Modernists conclude that no eminent scholar believes in the full inspiration and accuracy of the Scriptures. If a great scholar 4. Piltdown man, otherwise declares his faith in the Bible as

If the theory of evolution had ape-man, has been reconstructed been confined to the realm of by Dr. Smith Woodward from Biology, if it had been recognized several small pieces of skull and as merely a theory, and if the half a lower jaw-bone found in a arguments for and against it had gravel pit in Sussex. The pieces been fairly presented, it would long ago have passed into oblivion. about the year 1912. The portions But an unproved hypothesis in of skull present the character- Biology has been carried over as a proved and accepted fact into of jaw-bone is probably that of the spheres of Psychology, Philosophy and Theology. Evolution has become the corner-stone of destructive Biblical criticism and the foundation upon which the whole Modernist position is built. Professor F. L. Patton, of Princeton, has well said: "In the crisis of today we are witnessing the greatest war of intellect that has ever been waged since the birthday of the Nazarene.'

#### Evolution vs. The Bible

It is important to emphasize the fact that the theory of evolution has become the chief weapon of attack upon the Bible-"The Word of God which liveth and abideth for ever." The tragedy exhaustively considered by British and pathos of the present situscientists upon the first report ation does not lie so much in the

that it would be so: "They shall of their discovery to the Geo- teaching of evolution within our secular educational system. It is found in the much more appalling of Protestant Christendom have capitulated to the enemy. This anti-Christian philosophy is being taught in the great majority of these institutions, and most of the theological professors who do not actively propagate it are doing little or nothing to train the future preachers to meet this enemy of the truth.

> Hence, many ministers and foreign missionaries are going out without a saving message. The social gospel, the gospel of humanity, or the gospel of evolution is widely substituted for the Gospel of the grace of God.

#### **Evolution Leads to Apostasy**

The awful, though generally disaster unrecognized spiritual which has resulted is swiftly preparing for the final apostasy of Christendom, so clearly prophesied by our Lord and His inspired apostles. Modern destructive criticism, built upon the evolutionary theory, denies the infallibility of the Word of God. But the very denial proves the inspiration of the Scriptures. How did the apostles know nearly nineteen hundred years ago that false teachers would arise, "even denying the Lord that bought them," i.e., denying the Deity and Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ? (See 2 Pet. 2:1). How did they know that on the basis of the Doctrine of Continuity (which lies at the root of the theory of evolution) these false teachers would scoff at the great truth of the Lord's Second Coming? (See 2 Pet. 3:3, 4.) These and many other such prophecies which we see being literally fulfilled in the Theological Colleges and the theological literature of the present day prove the divine inspiration of the very Scriptures these men reject and deny.

#### The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture

The true Christian builds upon the Word of God. He can say with the Psalmist, "Thy Word is true from the beginning," from the first word (Ps. 119:160). For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven" (Ps. 119:89).

We know with certainty that the onward march of true science will continue to reveal more glorious evidences that the Scriptures are the fully inspired and wholly trustworthy revelation of God to

#### The Bible Invulnerable

The reason why so many Christians are being robbed of their faith today is that they are ignor-ant of the Scriptures. The enemies of the truth have persuaded them to throw away "the shield of faith," and discard "the sword" of the Spirit which is the Word of God." And hence they fall an easy prey to the great adversary when he appears as "an angel of light," propagating his doctrines through those who appear as "ministers of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11:14, 15). They "turn away their ears from the truth" and are "turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:4).

attempt to defend the Word of God. All we need to do is to take our stand upon it, and it will defend us from every assault of the enemy.

Principal Samuel Chadwick has reminded us that in the present conflict everything is at stake when he says:-

If the cunningly devised philosophies of Modernism are right, I have been of all fools the most deluded; but I know whom I have believed, and I know that I know.

#### The Personal Appeal

On every hand men are departing from the faith, exchanging the eternal truth of God for the passing philosophies of men. The Lord is saying to His own, "Will ye also go away?" May we be enabled by Divine grace to respond, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

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